

ATTEMPT MAY BE MADE TO CONSOLIDATE FIVE NATIONS OF CENTRAL AMERICA INTO ONE STRONG REPUBLIC

Hurried Departure of Dr. Luis Anderson from Washington for Cartago in Costa Rica Is Taken as Sign of Activity to This End.

MEXICO IS SAID TO FAVOR PROPOSED UNION Would Increase Her Influence as a Dominant Power in Latin-America—United States Is Not Likely to Be Pleased By the Movement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Plans are afoot, it is believed, for the consolidation of a confederation of the Central American republics. Proof of this is offered to the minds of Central American diplomats here in the sudden appearance of Dr. Luis Anderson.

Dr. Anderson was here as special representative of Costa Rica and was the candidate of Mexico for president of the proposed "United States of Central America." He left on Tuesday for Cartago, Costa Rica, where he is to meet with the president of that country.

Central American diplomats fear there may be a confederation. In such case the governments most interested in the various countries would interfere with the result that chaos would ensue and new organizations would be necessary.

It is believed that Anderson hurried south in anticipation of such an eventuality. He has the endorsement of the Central American republics, at least on paper, and in the event that affairs reached a crisis demanding consolidation, he would be on the ground and ready to step into the breach.

TO ATTEND A MEETING. Friends of Dr. Anderson insist that he has gone to San Jose merely to attend a meeting of the international society of sanitation and to visit his family. This, others declare, is a clever blind. They maintain that Dr. Anderson's plans were not changed until it was learned that Zelaya's abdication was inevitable. Then followed the hurried interview with Senator Creel and the journey.

The Mexican government is committed to the amalgamation of the five tiny little republics on the Isthmus. Senator Enrique Creel has declared that his government would like to see such a consolidation, though qualifying by saying that he did not believe the time ripe.

Although the United States has been deliberately and studiously shy at the subject, it is understood that this government would not entertain any great enthusiasm over such a consolidation. It would mean that Mexico would exercise a far greater influence over such a group, and that the United States would lose prestige, by the close alliance of the Latin-American race.

The State Department disclaims all knowledge of the movements of Dr. Anderson or his object in going to Costa Rica.

MEXICAN GUNBOAT GUERRERO HAS NOT LEFT SALINA CRUZ FOR NICARAGUAN PORT CORINTO

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 17.—The Mexican gunboat Guerrero, officially reported several days ago to be under orders to sail at once for Corinto, was still at Salina Cruz tonight, according to the official reports.

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OLD WOMAN PRISONER WILDLY TALKS OF A CONSPIRACY

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Caroline W. Martin raised her heavy veil today and suddenly became spokesman in the Tomba for the three silent sisters who must explain to the courts of New Jersey the death of Mrs. Okey Sneed.

Mrs. Martin, who is the victim's mother, has proved far more communicative than either Virginia Wardlaw, the aunt at East Orange, or Mrs. Mary Sneed, another aunt, all three charged with the murder.

"I am here," volunteered Mrs. Martin today, "as the result of a conspiracy on the part of millionaires who want what little property I have left. Every newspaper in New York is subsidized by these millionaires, who are persecuting me. The snuck and injustice of my arrest have enfeebled an old woman. If that is what my enemies want they need go no further."

"My daughter, Drey came to her death by her own hand. I did not see her do it. I did not know that it was done until Virginia was arrested."

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—The entire kingdom of Belgium mourns its departed ruler, Leopold II. Courts, schools and theaters are closed, parliament and the municipal council have adjourned and flags are at half mast.

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"Posterity will judge Leopold a great king with a grand role," it says. The body of King Leopold remains in the mortuary chamber of St. Peter's. Tomorrow night it will be removed to the palace in Brussels.

DAUGHTERS DISSATISFIED. The filing of the will of King Leopold today shows that he divided \$3,000,000 between his three daughters, Princess Louise, Princess Stephanie and Princess Clementine. This practical disinheriting of his daughters is the subject of a bitter battle to obtain the king's wealth similar to that which ensued on the death of their mother. The exact amount of Leopold's fortune probably never will be revealed. Senator Wiener, the king's friend and confidential legal adviser, told the Associated Press today that Leopold turned over a large portion of it to the Baroness Vaughan and her children and created a stock company of his estates to forestall a possible seizure by his creditors.

Senator Wiener said the latter, perhaps, large portions of the estate would be given to Belgium. Princess Clementine, aside from bequests she will receive, is provided for by a special income from Congo property.

The king's will, however, which he signed on the day of his death, is not worthy of serious attention. It is pointed out by Senator Wiener that if there were a religious ceremony, the king's will would be null and void. The king's will, however, does not believe there was even a religious ceremony.

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LEOPOLD'S WILL TO BE SUBJECT OF AN UNSAVORY CONTEST

Two Eldest Daughters Get \$1,000,000 Apiece; The Amount Hidden.

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JAPANESE LECTURES TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN NATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A brand new diplomacy was today inaugurated on the part of the Japanese people to dispel all thought of war between that nation and the United States.

At the Mikado was the unofficial diplomatic without precedent and without responsibility to authorities. This new diplomacy was embodied in a lecture upon the land of the Mikado, delivered here tonight for the first time in the United States. Miyakawa will visit many other cities of America.

An essential feature of the lecture was a resolution adopted by the school children of Tokyo in which they declared they would never have a sword against the United States and would emulate the example of the boys and girls in the public schools of America.

Miyakawa explained that for years prior to the war with Russia and China, the school children had been taught that they would have to fight for the Mikado against these enemies.

The lecture, it is understood, was prepared largely by the approval of leading statesmen of Japan. Its purpose is to promote in this country a friendly feeling toward Japan.

Brokaw Begins Defense to Suit Affirms There Can Be No Reconciliation Between Himself and Wife.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw, the plaintiff, rested her case today in her suit for separation with all money of \$60,000 a year from her husband, N. Gould Brokaw, and the defense opened.

Prospects for a reconciliation brightened for a moment today when Attorney McIntyre read Mrs. Brokaw an invitation to the new year's cake walk at High Point, N. C., the Brokaw country place. Brokaw smiled and his wife hid her face in her hand. But in the end Brokaw defined his position as one of frank hostility.

"Mrs. Brokaw," he said, "has rejected my advances often enough. I am going to fight this suit to a finish and I am well satisfied with the result."

Mrs. H. H. Brokaw, Brokaw's sister, testified in his behalf that he and his wife were a sweet, tender, solicitous and loving couple. Mrs. Brokaw testified that Brokaw was not a drinking man. Gilbert had an amusing passage at arms with his sister when he declared in his earlier testimony that Brokaw had refused to admit having said a profane adjective as applied to a servant's birth in which she said her husband made her sleep.

"Coming around the ship's deck, I met the night watchman. I did not see him and she exclaimed, 'I'll do it—I'll do it—I'll do it,'" testified Gilbert today.

SISTER TESTIFIES. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Members of Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw's family came to her aid today in her legal contest for separation from her husband, N. Gould Brokaw, and disavowed accusations in the unhappy married life of the couple were detailed on the stand by witnesses for the plaintiff.

Mrs. Elodie Blair, whose brilliant eyes are very big as captivates as those of any sister, came into court with Mrs. Brokaw today and participated in the preliminary conference of the attorneys on the plaintiff's side.

Her story was intended to supplement that which A. Bullard Blair, the brother of the plaintiff, had given when he described hysterical manifestations on his sister's part after she had been warned by Brokaw at the table to cease talking at a certain man and other disturbing happenings due to disagreements between the couple.

All the witnesses who knew of the matter are asked by Mrs. Brokaw's lawyer what they know of the Brokaw's style of living and of Mrs. Brokaw's income, presumably with a view to showing that the defendant is able to pay the substantial alimony which his wife demands.

NEVER CAN I CONSIDE MYSELF OVER THE THOUGHT THAT THE KING DIED WITHOUT HIS CHILDREN BEING ABLE TO SAY A LAST FAREWELL. I KNOW THIS REVEREND IS SHARED BY THE WHOLE FAMILY. I HAVE HERE WITH ME THE SIGNED COPY OF OUR FAMILY DISSENTS DISAPPEAR AFTER THE DEATH OF THE KING. I AM READY TO DO ALL I CAN TO EFFECT A RECONCILIATION WITH MY SISTERS."

FRIEND OF FRANCE. PARIS, Dec. 17.—The death of King Leopold of Belgium removes one of the staunchest friends of France. He saved Belgium for France after the war of 1871, and during numerous crises in the history of the third republic never failed to place his sword and voice at the disposal of the government.

Despite the pleasure-loving follies which marred his career, the French statesman considered the role played by Leopold II in Europe was large and distinctive that of a political peace-maker.

He was frequently the guest of other monarchs, and though he broke with every member of his own family at times, his intervention is believed to have prevented scandal and trouble in many princely houses, notably those of Germany and Austria.

Personally he was extremely fond of France and passed a great portion of his life there. A few years ago he was a familiar figure on the boulevards, at the opera and in the restaurants, where he earned the title of the "Sporting King in Europe." Since his alliance with Baroness Vaughan, however, the places of amusement had been little of him.

A dispatch from Rome says that the Italian contents the marriage of King Leopold and Baroness Vaughan at San Remo, Italy, last year.

AIX DIED IN FIRE. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—All doubt as to the fate of the five girls reported missing last night after the fire at Sherwood factory was removed today when their bodies were found, making six victims.

ADMIRAL KIMBALL FORBIDS FIGHTING AT BLUEFIELDS, BECAUSE OF DANGER TO AMERICANS

Commander of Cruiser Des Moines Issues Proclamation Addressed to Both Factions of the Combative Nicaraguans Under Threat.

WILL UNCLE SAM RECOGNIZE GEN. ESTRADA? Administration at Washington Is Being Overwhelmed With Protests Against Madriz as Successor to Zelaya in Managuan Government.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 17.—The American grip on Bluefields was tightened today when Commander Shipley of the cruiser Des Moines, on the authority of Rear Admiral Kimball, in command of the American forces in Nicaragua, issued a proclamation formally stating that no fighting would be allowed at Bluefields.

Thomas A. Moffatt, American consul here, delivered the message to Roldo Diaz, provisional secretary of state, to be forwarded to General Estrada, leader of the revolutionists and provisional president at Rama. A copy of it has been sent also to General Vazquez, leader of the Zelayan forces. The proclamation quotes the letter of Secretary Knox declining the Nicaraguan charge d'affaires and declares that fighting at Bluefields is prohibited because the lives and property of Americans would be endangered.

Everybody here is praying that the American government will recognize General Estrada's government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Protests against placing Dr. Madriz in the presidency are beginning to pour in. One of the greatest if not most powerful of American corporations tonight sent a telegram urging that Dr. Madriz be kept out of office.

It was feared the rule of General Madriz would be infinitely "worse" than that of the late President Zelaya.

SEVEN HUNDRED MARINES ON WARSHIP BUFFALO WILL PROTECT AMERICAN RESIDENTS AT MANAGUA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The United States ship Buffalo, now at Panama, with 700 marines on board, has been ordered to sail at once for Corinto.

This action was taken today as the result of a telegram received from the United States consulate at Managua, stating that, inasmuch as Zelaya in his message resigning the presidency had made unpleasant reference to Americans and owing to a report current in that city that Zelaya had ordered Zelaya to be assassinated, the United States had appealed to the consulate for protection.

Another telegram from the American consulate at Managua says that it is currently rumored there that when Madriz arrives in Managua, he will surrender his office to the national assembly and that that body already has received instructions from Zelaya to cast its vote for Irias as president of Nicaragua.

This rumor is directly at variance with the understanding that Madriz would receive the support, not only of Zelaya himself, but of his faction.

IRIAS A TOOL. The conclusion of the United States officers at Managua is that by the selection of Irias, Zelaya would still dominate.

Zelaya's change of front is a matter of no surprise here, it being known that both Irias and Madriz have long been regarded as Zelaya's tools. It has been suspected for some time that Irias was really Zelaya's first choice.

The hurry orders to the Buffalo to proceed at once to Corinto may have some significance other than stated, inasmuch as her arrival there is looked for on the day that Madriz is expected to arrive tonight.

Rear Admiral Kimball, who went to Panama on the Dixie, will accompany the marines to Corinto and command the naval vessels at that port, the Albany, Yorktown, Vicksburg and the Collier Saturn. The Princeton is expected to arrive tonight.

COSTA RICA'S POSITION. Senator Calvo, Costa Rican minister to Washington and Mexico, today gave the Associated Press the following statement of his country's attitude in regard to the Nicaraguan situation:

"As to the revolution, the government of Costa Rica has endeavored to maintain, by all means in its power, the strictest neutrality.

"Regarding the differences unfortunately existing between Nicaragua and the United States, the Costa Rican government earnestly deplors the state of affairs between the two countries. While Costa Rica would be ready to do all within its means to ward off a happy solution, it has taken no action whatever in the matter, the government having no opportunity to be open to that end."

Also with reference to Nicaraguan affairs, in which Senator Don Ricardo Jimenez, president-elect of Costa Rica, has been made to appear as having anti-American sentiments, Calvo emphatically affirms that he has no such feelings. He says that he is a patriotic man of high character, and a true patriot with a keen appreciation of Central American sovereignty and an earnest desire that the traditional good relations between Costa Rica and the United States shall continue as friendly as ever.

ADMITS HE LIES. President Zelaya received the telegram from President Jimenez in which he admits that the message proposing an American commission to investigate conditions in Nicaragua was not sent to Secretary Knox, as he had stated in a public interview, but that the message was sent to the Nicaraguan charge, Mr. Rodriguez, for transmission to the secretary. The message, however, was never delivered at the State Department.

ZELAYA FACTION ACTIVE. MANAGUA, Dec. 17.—The governors of the departments of Granada and Leon have been removed from office and replaced by men known to be favorable to Dr. Julian Irias, minister general, and to Dr. Madriz, both of whom have presidential aspirations.

David Araya, who was arrested last November in a celebration at Granada in honor of President Taft's election, which the government interpreted as a demonstration in favor of American imperialism, was released today. He is now in Managua.

A reception committee of six has been appointed to meet Dr. Madriz on his arrival at Corinto Sunday. Heavy recruiting is going on here.

SENT WINE TO Y. M. C. A. AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT. Official of Stockton Company Narrowly Averts a Catastrophe.

STOCKTON, Dec. 17.—The mistake of shipping wine and other goods to the Y. M. C. A. was narrowly averted today when a case of wine was sent to the Stockton Christian Young Men's Christian Association in San Francisco.

A letter was received at the office of George West & Son this week thanking the firm in advance for the annual donation. One of the office employees, not being familiar with former procedure, notified the shipping clerk and accordingly a fine case of mixed wine was prepared and sent to the wharf for shipment to San Francisco on the Navigation Company steamer.

One of the officials of the winery happened to be at the wharf on some other business and noticing a case of wine being sent to the Stockton Christian Young Men's Christian Association, was greatly surprised. After an investigation he withdrew the wine and ordered the usual \$5 cash contribution substituted.

SEVERE LEGISLATIVE BLOW AT STRIKE. BYRON, N. S. W., Dec. 17.—Business here was so demoralized by the coal strike that the legislature today made a drastic step of passing a bill empowering both strike leaders and employers to initiate a strike or lockout liable to a year's imprisonment.







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### STONE'S REWARD

It is reported from Washington that Colonel John F. Irish has at last been paid his reward for the capture of General George W. Stone. Subsequently, it is reported from Washington that the members of the cabinet are expecting themselves in benefit of Colonel Irish, and that he may be saved once more, at least for a brief period.

Now, what is all this about, that it should so stir the thrones of states and nations?

Just this: Colonel Irish has been for years holding down the ornamental office known as naval officer of the port of San Francisco. The only visible duty of that office is drawing its salary of \$5000 a year. If it has any other duties, no one ever heard of Colonel Irish performing them, and no one suspects General Stone of any intention, much less ability, to perform them. Colonel Irish's qualifications for the office consist in the fact that he is a good fellow, that his father was a good fellow before him, and that, as a Democrat, he made some eloquent speeches urging Democrats to vote the Republican ticket. General Stone's qualifications for the office consist in the fact that he has accepted, year after year, the office of fall guy in the Republican state committee, and that in that position he has faithfully done whatever the railroad managers told him. Also, since he cannot earn \$5000 a year, in any private occupation, it is the manifest duty of some one to take that \$5000 away from the general public and give it to him. How else shall the railroad keep its servants, if it can not find some one to pay their wages?

We hope General Stone will get the job. He needs the money worse, Colonel Irish being able, if necessary, to earn his own living. Besides, Colonel Irish has had his share. And if General Stone is to get his reward, he must be quick about it. The time is passing—not over a year ago—when servility to the railroad political bureau will no longer be regarded as service to the state of California. Worthy of recognition by a civil pension. In fact, we hope the day is not much further distant when the office of naval officer will either be abolished, or have some duties assigned to it, either way, the general would be out. So let's be hopeful. Senators Flint and Perkins have announced that they intend to ask for a reward of \$5000 for General Stone. Let him be rewarded and let them be remembered. And, in due time, let such an appointment, to such an office, for such a motive, by such senators, be unthinkable in California.

### WOOD—DOCTOR

General Leonard Wood is now chief of staff of the United States army. Wherever the usual grows and warms about putting a doctor at the head of the army sound dolorously in the land. But may it not turn out that this is exactly what we were needing? General Wood, it is conceded, is a very brilliant man—brilliant as a fighter, as a soldier, an administrator and a physician. The rule of seniority does not bring brilliancy to the top. The rule of luck, favoritism perhaps, and juniority have done it. Great ability is rare, and when we get it we may as well congratulate ourselves.

But there is another aspect. General Wood is a physician. That is what he has against him. And that may be just what the army needs. "An army travels on its belly." A physician knows how to feed it, and how to keep it in condition to digest. An army usually loses more men by disease than by wounds, and the camp is more dangerous than the battlefield. The Japanese reversed all this. The death rate from disease in their army, was less than the average death rate in civil life. And even from wounds, they lost practically none except those who were killed outright on the battlefield. There was no fever, no gangrene, no infection, and unless the wound was of a sort producing practically immediate death, it was not likely to be fatal at all. If a soldier was able to live until he reached the hospital, he usually recovered.

If this can be done with the American army, it is the biggest and best thing that can be done for it. An army whose soldiers are always "fit" with no sick-list, and practically no deaths from wounds, except those that kill at once, is an army practically doubled in efficiency. It may be that the luck that gives a doctor in command is destined to be the luck that revolutionizes the physical condition of armies.

The Supreme Court of Missouri has turned one of the grifters loose because the indictment charged that he committed the crimes "contrary to the honor and dignity of State of Missouri," when it should have been "the State of Missouri." That will be a precedent when it comes to determining whether Abe Ruef gratified or not. It will be queer if there is not a "Ruef" misplaced somewhere. And if there is, then Abe Ruef did not gratify the law, and past finding out, especially the interpretation thereof, by some supreme courts.

Captain August W. Loosle rendered some sort of service to Emperor Cook, and when he did not do so much as he was expected, tried to recover himself by a series of lies.

the effort that he helped Cook take records. Now, not having got as much pay for that story as he wanted, he comes out with a confession that the whole thing was a lie. Evidently Captain Loosle has a conscience as loose as his name.

### H. S. SENATE HAS STIRRING DEBATE

The Fresno High School Senate met last night with one of the largest attendance of any meeting this term. Many honorary members were in attendance when President Drenth of Alabama called the meeting to order, and the gallery was filled with visitors.

The question set for debate was, "Resolved: That the city of San Diego would be benefited more by the completion of the Panama canal than the city of San Francisco." Those who spoke on the affirmative side of the question were Bral of Arkansas, East of Wisconsin, Smith of Utah, and Tufts of Idaho. Those who upheld the negative were Henton of Tennessee, Russ of Illinois and Stewart of Washington. At the conclusion of the debate the negative was voted the winner. William Brazil took the obligation and drew the state of Arkansas.

### STRANDED ON ISLAND IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER

ST. PAUL, Dec. 17.—Levi Frank, his wife and nine children were brought in an exhausted condition to this city yesterday from a point several miles up the Mississippi river. In the recent big blizzard the three open row boats in which they had fought their way for four hundred miles down the Father of Waters were stranded on an island in mid-stream.

**WRECK OF FERRY FOUND.**  
ERIE, Pa., Dec. 17.—The wreck of the car ferry Marquette and Resolute No. 2, which foundered during the great storm on Lake Erie Tuesday, December 7th, resulting in the death of thirty-three persons, was found late this afternoon by the tugboat Reed at a point twelve miles from Resolute. Efforts will be made to ascertain whether any bodies are still aboard. There are still twenty-four persons missing.

### SPECIAL TRAINS FOR CHRISTMAS BUSINESS

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Few persons in the territory west of Chicago will get the Christmas present this year if the managers of the railroads carry out their present intention of running special trains to carry the enormous tonnage of express packages which will flood the railroads during the week before Christmas.

### FALSE RUMORS OF TROUBLE IN KOREA

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—Sensational reports published in the Japanese newspapers state that attacks were made by Japanese on the Korean officers attending the grand maneuvers near Utsunomiya, and that a plot was on foot to attack the Japanese military at the slightest foundation in fact. Not even an arrest was made based upon any proposed attack upon Koreans or others. The Korean officers moved in exactly the same manner as Japanese officers. The Japanese have exercised the most extreme caution in the matter of the movements of Korean residents in Tokyo.

### "I WANT PAPA FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENT"

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—"I want papa for Christmas, even if I don't get any other presents, and if I don't get him I don't know what I will do," said little Johnny Bour Jr., son of John P. Bour, who disappeared about a year ago.

### TWO ARE KILLED IN A GEORGIA WRECK

MACON, Ga., Dec. 17.—Two persons were killed, one was probably fatally injured, and seven others were hurt today when a Central of Georgia north-bound passenger train crashed into the combination second-class baggage and mail car of a train on the Macon and Birmingham road at Harris City, Ga.

### THE ROAD TO FAME

A Southerner noted for the liberality of his tips stopped at a Baltimore hotel where negro porters predominated. His name was speedily known to every member of the serving fraternity, and his every wish anticipated. Soon after his arrival he sent his card to a friend who made his home in the hotel, but whose temperament happened to be quite the opposite of that of his open-handed caller—retiring, not given to "upping," or any other form of sociability, and who therefore lived almost unknown to those about him.

The old dandy who received the card studied it for a full minute. "Scuse me, colonel," he said, "but I don't believe nobody by dat name come here dis mawning."

"This mawning!" returned the other. "Of course not, Mr. Blunt. I lived here for months. You know my name well enough and I haven't been here a day. Do you mean to say you can't remember a man who has made his home here since some time last winter?"

"Scuse me, colonel, sah," began the old man, deferentially, "but you must know, sah—as if uttering the subtlest compliment—"dat dere's a remembrance what can make demsels more notorious in out day, sah, dan oder remembrance, dat is, a Y.M.C.A.!"

—New York Sun.

### MORGAN WILL NOT UNITE WITH "BELL"

**Statement Is Made Regarding Capitalist's Telephone Investment.**

TOLEDO, Dec. 17.—Official announcement was made here tonight of the purchase by J. P. Morgan & Company of a controlling interest in the five additional independent telephone companies of Indiana and Ohio. It is announced also that the companies will be operated exclusively by Morgan & Company, and that the Bell has nothing to do with the deal.

"The announcement made with authority by Clarence Brown, general counsel, on his return from a conference with Morgan & Company, is correct. "In addition to the acquisition of the stock of the United States Long Distance company, the Cuyahoga Telephone company, J. P. Morgan & Company have purchased for their own account a majority of the stock of the Toledo Home Telephone company, the Citizens Telephone company of Columbus, the Dayton Home Telephone company, the Indianapolis Telephone company, the New Long Distance Telephone company of Indiana and the New Telephone company of Indianapolis. "I am advised that the Bell companies have no financial or other interest in the properties."

This is the statement made by Brown tonight.

"Morgan & Company will operate these companies permanently as their own property," said James B. Hately Jr., president of the United States company, through whom the Dayton Home Telephone company, the Indianapolis Telephone company, the New Long Distance Telephone company of Indiana and the New Telephone company of Indianapolis.

**REA MAKES CHARGES AGAINST W. F. HERRIN**  
Says Faith Was Not Kept Regarding the San Jose Interurban Line.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 17.—In an answer to a claim for \$41,000 against James W. Rea, filed in the Superior court by the executors of the late O. A. Hale estate, the defendant alleges that W. F. Herrin and O. A. Hale conspired to defraud him of his controlling interest in the San Jose Los Gatos interurban railroad. Rea says that in 1904 Herrin took a controlling interest in the railroad and agreed to an indebtedness of \$135,000 which Rea had contracted with a St. Louis bank, giving as security interurban bonds of the face value of \$225,000. Herrin agreed to raise the value of the bonds to par within a year, and he did not do so. Rea claims that Herrin's promise has not been kept.

### UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES

The university has now 4,864 students, thus divided: Faculty of law and social sciences, 1,651; faculty of philosophy and letters, 210; faculty of medicine, 2,501; faculty of exact physical and natural sciences, 500. The most important event during the year was the incorporation of the National Agronomic and Veterinary Institute, which was founded in 1904, with the university, the new faculty of agronomic and veterinary sciences being created. In consequence is expected a rapid increase as the exponent of the latest and most scientific methods of developing what are and will be for many years to come the greatest sources of Argentine national wealth. The university is being prepared, and every thing is being done to strengthen the teaching staff and the opportunities for the practical education of the students.

During the next few years the university will almost entirely rebuild. Not merely does it compare very favorably with the leading educational institutions in the United States, Europe and Asia, but when it is considered that it has reached its present high standing in such a comparatively new country, where so many demands are made on the nation's resources, the Argentine people to perfect it cannot be too highly praised. Its medical school is one of the largest and best equipped in the world, while the carefully arranged and admirably maintained library of the faculty of law and social sciences is rich in the standard legal works of the United States, England, Spain and of Latin America.—Daily Consular and Trade Reports.

### GETTING STRONG.

John Jenkins is an early riser; He practices an exercise.

Now up, now down, with strange contractions. He revels in distorted actions.

He stands, with chest thrust out before; Now he lies prone upon the floor.

The pulleys run along the rope; He draws them to their utmost scope.

He puffs and blows, he pants and sweats, And very stark and thin he gets.

I do not know when he'll get strong; I trust he'll not delay it long.

I am not sure that by degrees He'll grow into a Hercules.

He's hopeful that his writhings will Bring prodigies of strength and skill.

But as his friend I'm feeling blue Least presently he break in two.

Or with his limbs all out of joint He'll fade to the extinction point.

To tell the truth, I dread the day When he wears out and blows away.

—Chicago News.

### WATSON WELCOMED.

English Author of Bitter Poem Made to Feel at Home.

The man who can expatiate on the petty scandals of a tearoom and dilute with women whom he has lampooned in his verse, revealing private conversations and correspondence, may be a poet, but not a gentleman.

—Chicago Tribune.

The proper place for Mr. Watson would seem to be, not in the home, but in the museum where people who are interested in curiosities pay their dime for the entertainment which the exhibit affords.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

At least, the serpent's tongue was wiser than the poet's. —Chicago Tribune.

### MANY DIAMONDS IN GERMAN COLONY

Southwest African Fields Said to Be Very Rich in the Precious Gems.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The possibilities of the German Southwest African diamond fields were discussed today by Baron von Wachenfeldt, who is at the Carlton for a few days on his return from the diamond fields. As the chief result of his visit he is confident that a large diamond industry can be established there. This, he says, is borne out by Herr Dernburg, Germany's colonial minister, who recently visited Africa and who in the German parliament estimated the output of 500,000 karats next year at an average price of \$6 a karat. Speaking of the present conditions in West Africa, von Wachenfeldt said:

"At present there are only half a dozen companies producing, the reason being the scarcity of water, lack of labor, and bad transport facilities. The mining is carried out under the control of the German authorities. Each company or producer has to hand over the result of the labor to the main office, who undertake the sale of diamonds, remitting back the proceeds, less one-third, which goes to the German government."

### MANY LARGE STONES

"The size of the diamonds found varies considerably. At present a gem of 17 karats holds the prize place. Stones of 6, 7 and 10 karats are frequently picked up. Although the greater portion consists of small stones, the yield is remarkably regular."

Baron von Wachenfeldt considers the government estimate of 500,000 karats as a very conservative one. He is underrating, remarking that it would be nearer double that. This provoked the question as to the world's absorptive powers of diamonds, seeing that vast quantities are mined by the De Beers and smaller mines. On this point the baron suggested an arrangement among the principal South African producers to maintain the price which, as German Southwest Africa promises to become a formidable rival, and would gladly enter into the diamond market. He said, "especially when the soundest politicians of England and Germany are endeavoring to foster harmonious relations between the two countries."

### FEAR GLUT OF GEMS

"Hitherto the high water mark of production has been about 5,000,000 karats in 1907. This, with a 25 per cent augmentation from German Southwest Africa, will create a glut of gems, which would naturally react on the price."

However, if a united policy between England and Germany could be settled upon in regard to the native problem and the question of railway development, all South Africa would reap the benefit."

Already the German companies have arranged to combine among themselves which, von Wachenfeldt said, is a step in the right direction. It will permit a concentration of operations, tend in the direction of economy, and enable concerted action to be taken in the search for payable diamondiferous blue ground, which geologists assert must exist in the country.

In explaining the genesis of the diamonds already found von Wachenfeldt said that many theories had been advanced, but the probable one, being the diamondiferous deposits were ejected from volcanic islands, now submerged, just off the coast. The diamonds are found in a gravel formation being fairly distributed all throughout for a great distance along the coast and many miles inland, thus covering a vast area. In many places the deposit has been proved to be of considerable depth, with average results holding good.

### PASSING OF THE UMBRELLA.

"The time's coming," remarked a floor-walker in one of the big stores, "when umbrellas will be relics of the past. Automobiles are knocking them out. I don't mean by that that people buy automobiles to ride in on rainy days instead of using umbrellas, but it is inconvenient to carry an umbrella in an auto, and motorists provide themselves with these light raincoats that can be used even in warm weather, and the practice of having a raincoat handy instead of an umbrella is spreading all the time. Then manufacturers are able to waterproof almost any sort of overcoat goods, and there isn't much necessity for a man to own an umbrella in overcoat weather. They point out that in a real drenching storm an umbrella would not do much good anyhow, and in a mild shower one wouldn't get very wet anyhow. There will still be use for umbrellas for women, but even they are doing without them more and more."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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### BARRETT DISCUSSES PROSPECTS OF UNION

Points Out How Strong a Central American State Would Be.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 17.—In an address before the Toledo Chamber of Commerce tonight, John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of American Republics, declared that the present difficulties in Nicaragua have revived favorable discussion of a union of the five Central American Republics. He said:

"When the Central American peace conference convened at Washington in December, 1907, Ellihu Root, then secretary of state, spoke hopefully of such a realization of union."

Enrique Creel, former ambassador of Mexico, has announced that he looks forward to an ultimate consolidation. One nation formed from these five republics would have an area of 150,000 square miles, an Atlantic coast line of 500 miles and a Pacific shore of 1100 miles, an annual foreign trade valued at \$50,000,000, of which nearly half would be with the United States, and a population exceeding 3,000,000."

### THE PICTURES.

The Metropolitan Street Railway Company is placing in all its trolley cars pictures of the right and wrong way for women to alight.

There's no excuse for ladies now to say they didn't know.

For how to leave a trolley car the little pictures show.

But there are other picture cards the company might secure.

To show the ladies how to act when on a trolley tour.

For instance, have a picture of a lady clad in fur.

And on it print in letters plain the words "I THANK YOU, SIR."

This picture if conspicuous, might show in manner neat.

How to reward a gentleman who's giving up his seat.

A picture of a picture-hat jabbed in some poor man's eye.

Might show her how to wear her hat and what to do and why.

The picture of a nickel might suggest with force intense.

The kind of fare conductors like instead of copper cents.

But could a picture be devised to show them how they look?

When in the cars they talk aloud of husband, child, and cook;

We think 'twould do more good, perhaps, than all the other cards.

And how at least a respite to all trolley riders' hearts.

—New York World.

### NEW YEARS CARDS.

The best and nicest line is at Smith Bros' Drug Store. Buy now while you have your pick.

**80 MULES.**  
For hire or lease in carload lots. Apply Colson & Williamson, 127 Montgomery St., San Francisco.

**KODAKS**  
And photo supplies at Baker & Colson's. Phone Main 87.

Dr. May Martin, Osteopath, 147 Forsyth bldg. Main 1240.

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## ...GIFTS...

The gifts preferred by both donors and recipients are those for personal use or personal adornment. With them the giver places himself, as it were, in the constant presence of the recipient. And when it is considered that to this element of personal contact is added that durability which pertains to gold and silver and gems, we find good reason for the world-old choice of the precious metals or gems, or the two combined, as gifts for all occasions, especially at this season of Christmas.

Our aim is to offer original designs, so that their beauty and exclusiveness are beyond question. And considering quality we know our prices are just and reasonable.

**The Warner Company**  
1929-1931 MARIPOSA ST.  
OPEN EVENINGS.

In order that all may avail themselves of this opportunity to save, we will remain open evenings from now until Christmas.

The Wise Man or Woman will not wait until our "End of the Year Clean-Up Sale" is over.

You can't afford to---for by getting your shoes now, you pay less than you have ever paid before.

Holiday Slippers, \$1.50 grade, selling now for \$1.00; Menilian & Co.'s \$3.00 shoes, in patent calf or plain leather, selling now for \$2.00, and other items just as interesting.

B. P. Reed & Co.'s Patent calf, fox buttoned and tipped; a new fall shoe, well worth \$4.00, now during sale ..... **\$3.00**

Another Staple Shoe, built in turn sole and in every way up to the minute; good value for \$4, now during sale ..... **\$3.00**

M. A. Packard's well-known line in vel kid, gun metal, velour and patent stock, new Albany toe, price \$3.50, now, during sale ..... **\$3.00**

Stacy-Adams shoe needs no comment, always \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00, now during sale ..... **\$4.50**

Williams-Kneeland's Oxford, patent gun metal and velour, was \$4.00, now, during sale ..... **\$3.00**

M. A. Packard's latest and most popular Wizard last, \$3.50, now during sale ..... **\$3.00**

Williams-Kneeland's Oxford, patent gun metal and velour, was \$4.00, now during sale ..... **\$2.75**

Stacy-Adams shoe needs no comment, always \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00, now, during sale ..... **\$4.50**

During this sale we will pay mail and express charges to all points within one hundred miles of Fresno. Mail orders will receive prompt attention.

**Philadelphia Shoe Store**  
2037 MARIPOSA STREET. Near Court House Park.

**Sunday Dinner Desserts Made From Our Whipping Cream Are the Housewife's delight**

"Add cream beaten until stiff," reads part of a recipe for a dainty dessert. Many a housewife knows by experience that so-called "whipping cream" cannot be "beaten until stiff" as quoted above, and as a result many a dessert that depended for its daintiness and delicacy upon whipped cream has proven a failure because the cream would not "whip" stiff.

You will have no such trouble if you use our whipping cream. It is rich and heavy and as it invariably meets all requirements by quickly reaching the "stiff" stage when beaten, it is the delight of every Fresno housewife who uses it. Order early today for Sunday dinner desserts.

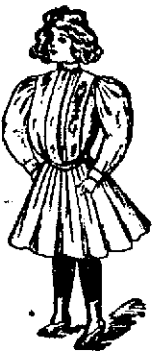
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#### 4 Great Holiday Specials Today

In the Ready-to-Wear Section

- Girls' \$1.50 and \$2.00 Winter Dresses \$1.19  
Girls' \$2.50 Rubberized Rain Capes \$1.98  
Girls' \$2.25 White Persian Fur Sets \$1.50  
Girls' \$6.00 to \$8.75 Winter Coats \$4.75

Here are four great special values in the ready-to-wear section for today's selling; every one a big bargain; bring the girls down today and fit them out for the holidays; it means a big saving to you and a treat for the little ones.

Girls' \$1.50 and \$2.00 Winter Dresses \$1.19

The \$1.50 and \$2.00 Winter Dresses are of timotee cloth, percale and duck, in good dark colors; well made and very stylish; for today at \$1.19

Girls' \$2.50 Rubberized Rain Capes \$1.98

The \$2.50 rubberized rain capes at \$1.98 are made full length, with a very pretty plaid lined hood; they are full cut and very serviceable; special at \$1.98

Girls' \$2.25 White Persian Fur Sets \$1.50

The \$2.25 Fur Sets at \$1.50 are white Persian with Angora trimmings; finished with silk cord and is satin lined; and is a great bargain at \$1.50

Girls' \$6.00 to \$8.75 Winter Coats \$4.75

The \$6.00 to \$8.75 coats at \$4.75 are for girls from 8 to 14 years, and includes every coat in the house at those prices; all sizes and colors; special at \$4.75

#### IN THE MILLINERY SECTION

Choice of Any Trimmed Hat \$3.98

Children's \$1.50 Felt Hats at 69c

Children's French Felt Street Hats in brown, navy and red; nicely trimmed with pretty satin ribbon to match; dropping ruffled brims; a hat that always sells at \$1.50 for clearance goes on special sale today at 69c

Fancy Feathers and Wings at 39c

The greatest Millinery bargain of the year; hundreds of pretty fancy feathers, wings, etc., in all the late styles; all colors and black; many values up to \$2.99 and \$2.50; for quick clearance, today at 39c

#### DOMESTICS

29-inch Teal Duck Percales 6c

Teal Duck Percales, in medium and dark colors; all manner of designs; in figures and checks; 29 inches wide; suitable for house dresses and comfort coverings; special today at 6c

36-inch Silkoline at 10c

Extra fine quality Silkoline, full yard wide; all colors and designs; French and English patterns; a great bargain today at 10c

Cotton Comforter

Challie 5c  
Cotton Comforting Challie, splendid designs in Persian and other effects; 24 inches wide; in light, medium and dark colors; special today at 5c

#### DRESS GOODS

85c Satin Striped Prunella 59c

A magnificent grade of Satin Striped Prunella; a very popular weave for winter costumes; in all the desirable shades; worth \$1.00 a yard; special at 59c

All the 59c Striped Suitings Go at 39c

For today you get your choice of a big range of popular 59c Dress Suitings in every desirable color; the very latest novelties; special at 39c

25c Plaid Suiting for 15c

For children's wear we are offering a nice line of new plaid; good, serviceable material in ten different color combinations; 25c values for 15c

#### SHOES

Infants' 75c Kid Shoes 49c

Infants' Vici Kid Shoes with patent leather tips and soft plush kid uppers; made with hand turned soles in all sizes from 2 to 5 1-2; a 75c quality; special at 49c

Sale of Boys' Calf School Shoes

Boys' nobby calf school shoes, made on the new camper last with extension soles; all solid leather throughout; a good wet weather shoe. Sizes 8 to 13 1-2. Special at \$1.25

Ladies' 75c Waterproof Spats 49c

Ladies' all wool waterproof spats; made with 6 buttons; come in black, brown and green; the regular 75c quality; for tomorrow, special 49c

#### BOYS' AND MEN'S GOODS

Boys' Box Overcoats \$2.59

Nobby Box Overcoats for boys or girls 2-12 to 6 years; in good serviceable materials; well made and lined; all seasonable colors; a dandy value for the money; good selection today at \$2.59

Boys' Nobby \$5.00 Suits for \$3.65

Choice today of our entire line of Boys' \$5.00 Buster Brown and Blouse Suits ages 2-12 to 16 years; all colors, all materials, all materials; special today at \$3.65

Big Line of Boys' Fall Caps

An endless variety of Boys' Winter Caps; all the latest styles and colors; good materials; well made; especially priced at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Big assortment of Boys' 25c Cloth Caps, special today at 19c

Men's Soft Felt Hats \$2.50 and \$3.00

All the new shapes in Men's Fine Soft Hats; all the latest blacks and stylish colors; the kind that our competitors sell at \$3.00 and \$3.50 we offer you today at \$2.50 & \$3

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs

Men's White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with handsome embroidered initials; large assortment of letters; special values at 12 1-2c, or box of six for 75c

Men's Irish Linen Initial Handkerchiefs

A good quality of Irish Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs with a beautiful small embroidered initial; boxed 6 in a fancy holiday carton; special 25c each, or box of 6 for \$1.25

Men's Silk Initial Handkerchiefs

Men's Pure Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs; with large embroidered initial; an extra quality for the price; special at 25c

A larger and better quality; full assortment of letters; special at 50c



#### SOME GREAT FANCY GOODS BARGAINS

Children's Purses 48c

A big line of Children's Fancy Imported Hand Bags and Chain Bags; a big sample line, no two alike; all kinds of leather, all styles and colors; purses in the lot worth up to \$1.50 each, on special sale today at 48c

Ladies' \$1.00 Kid Gloves at 79c

Ladies' 2-clasp Kid Gloves in black, brown, tan, mode, navy and green; regular \$1.00 quality; Paris point stitching; all sizes; special at 79c

Ladies' \$1.50 Mocha Gloves \$1.29

A very fine grade of Mocha Kid Gloves; in best shades of tan, mode and gray; 2-clasp length; nearly all sizes; the regular \$1.50 quality; special at \$1.29



#### The Big Toy Department Offers Great Money Saving Specials Today

Special Prices to Church and Sunday School Committees

We invite all Church and Sunday School committees who are making arrangements for Xmas trees and entertainments to come and get our prices; we will make you special prices on toys and tree ornaments.

16-inch Kid Body Doll 50c

16-inch Kid Body Doll; plump body, sleeping eyes, light or dark hair, side parts, lace shoes and stockings; a great value at 50c

Shoo-Fly Rocking Horses \$1.00

A great toy for the little chaps—Shoo-Fly Rocking Horses; well made and nicely painted and varnished; an extra good bargain today at \$1.00

Cameo Toy Blocks at 15c

16 blocks; designs in Cameo and letters in embossed outlines; rolling with red; very attractive blocks; packed in strong glazed-paper boxes and specially priced at 15c

Toy Engines and Trains

Iron engines and steel cars; lightest and strongest made. Engine and 3 cars, 21 inches long, 25c

Engine and 3 cars, 25 inches long, 35c

Engine and 3 cars, 28 inches long, \$1.25

Engine and 3 cars, 33 inches long, \$2.00

Burnt Wood Blocks at 25c

16 cubes; the original burnt wood blocks; natural wood with exquisite cameo effects; also burnt impressions of letters, numerals, animals, etc.; not only the names of the animals, but their habits and characteristics are shown; special at 25c

Large Natural Wood Blocks at 60c

16 cubes; large size natural wood; embossed ends and sides; painted in two colors; 23 alphabetical illustrations; letters and numerals; in solid wood frame box; special at 60c

"Mother Goose" Blocks \$1.00

Twenty cubes; "Hill" finish; red ends, white sides; varnished and waterproofed; the ever popular "Mother Goose" rhymes; with suitable illustrations; in wood framed box; handsomely finished with glazed or varnished paper; special at \$1.00

#### Our Doll Hospital

We are prepared to attend to all sick and disabled dolls on short notice and at very reasonable prices; dolls repaired, re-headed, restrung, etc.; all missing doll parts at lowest prices in town.

#### TONIGHT'S SPECIALS AFTER 7

Good quality Twilled Toweling (limit 10 yds. to a customer) 3c

Swiss Lawn Handkerchiefs, again striped and checked 4c

50c Box Tucking, 6 beautiful stripes in box; fancy Xmas card 38c

Xmas or New Year Postal Cards; fine assortment; 12 for 3c

10c Iron Wagons; good quality 75c

A very fine 25c Toy Drum 15c

15c box of Hardwood Ten-Pins 10c

A 25c Toy Tool Chest 15c

Choice of our entire line of Xmas tree ornaments at half price.

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Business Office, Main 101.  
Editorial Room, Main 101.  
Job Printing Department, Main 101.  
Press Room, Main 101.

#### WEATHER CONDITIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17. The following maximum and minimum temperatures reported from Eastern stations for previous day:  
Chicago 34-10; New York 36-24; Omaha 36-2.

San Joaquin valley. Fair on Saturday; brisk north winds. Heavy frost in the morning if wind falls.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS

The disturbance noted yesterday morning in the northeastern portion of the United States still remains in that section and light amounts of precipitation are reported from the eastern lake region westward to the Rocky mountains and southward along the eastern slope of the Rockies to Texas. Cooler weather is reported generally this morning, readings below zero being noted in Montana, the Dakotas, Nebraska and Minnesota. It is also cold in the eastern Gulf states.

High pressure still prevails over the northern Pacific slope, and the probable continuance of this condition will result in generally fair weather in Fresno and vicinity tonight and Saturday, possibly with cloudiness or fog at intervals, and with frost Saturday morning.

W. D. FULLER, Local Forecaster.

Air temperature ..... 54  
Highest temperature yesterday ..... 53  
Lowest temperature yesterday ..... 34  
Humidity percentage at 10 a.m. .... 61  
Wind N.W., 1 mi. per hr.

Fair Saturday.

#### LOCAL BREVITIES

Try Holland's for Cakes and Fresh Vegetables today.

Ask for Danish Creamery butter. Finest offices in the Edgerly Bldg.

Dr. Cockrell, dentist, Patterson Block. Dressed poultry, J. S. Bradley's, Phone 307.

Perfect tailoring, Henry Vlez, 1011 J street.

Willow wood \$8 per cord delivered. Phone Main 49.

Dry oak wood, \$1 delivered, any part of city. Main 1719.

For a nice roast for Sunday call Main 155, Santa Fe Market.

Alfalfa seed, 16c and 18c. C. M. Chalup corner Fresno and C.

Ladies, remember most men trade at Nymann Levy's, 1936 Mariposa St.

Gravel runs on exhibition at Parlor Lecture club from 1 to 2 p. m. daily.

For sale: One Thor twin motorcycle cheap. Warnickus Cycles, 1016 J street.

Keep your valuables in a safe deposit box at Fresno National bank, Cor. 12 & J.

Edgerly Building will be ready for occupancy January 1st. Offices for rent. See Pearson, 1944 Tulare street.

A general rehearsal for the cantata to be given at the First M. E. church will be held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

When you do your Christmas shopping, don't forget to make a Christmas present of your Kuhnert coupons to the Y. W. C. A.

Nymann Levy, the leading men's furnisher and hatter. Latest novelties, suitable for Christmas presents. 1936 Mariposa St.

Hog feed \$10 ton, Caprice oil cake. Caprice Oil cake meal. California Products Co., south end O street and Butler avenue.

Harry Conroy, who was sentenced to one year in State Prison for burglary, was taken north yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Collins.

Licenses to many was granted yesterday to R. G. Hurch, native of California, aged 21, and Desdie Jones, native of Missouri, aged 20, residents of Selma.

An election for trustees of Laguna Reclamation district No. 79 has been called for January 31, 1910, by the supervisors to be held in Justice Smith's office at Lemoore.

A list of lawyer's telephone calls has been hung up in the county clerk's office. It is interesting because it discloses the fact that there are 47 active practitioners of the law in the city of Fresno.

The funeral of the late Mrs. M. C. Wallace was held from the undertaking parlors of A. H. Hopkins and Son yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Wallace passed away in Stockton last Tuesday. Interment was at Mountain View cemetery.

The primary department of the First Christian church will give a Christmas tree at the church tomorrow morning. All children belonging to that department are urged to be sure to be present. Santa Claus will remember each boy and girl.

Fresno Lodge No. 247, F. & A. M., and all Masons are requested to meet at Masonic Temple at 10:45 today to attend the funeral of our deceased brother, W. G. Stapp of Concord Lodge No. 148, Texas. J. L. Beall, secretary. C. W. Edwards, W. M.

Incorporation articles filed of the Fresno Oil company of Coalinga. Authorized capital \$75,000 in 75,000 shares and \$20 subscribed by Frank Cheney, J. R. Baird, and Henry S. Richmond, who are named also as the directors. Incorporation is under date of the 22nd of October, 1909.

The funeral services over the remains of Andrew Dunham, the laborer and former army quartermaster, who was accidentally drowned in a swimming trench on an abandoned West Side ranch, will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow morning at Stephens and Bon's chapel. Interment will be at Mountain View cemetery and the services of the local Spanish-American War Veterans.

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**Louis Einstein & Co.**  
FRESNO'S MOST PROGRESSIVE STORES

# Today Is The Last Saturday Before Christmas and It Will Be The Greatest Day Of OUR CLOSING OUT SALE

Thousands Will Select Gifts Here At Tremendous Savings

Only a few days now until Christmas and today will be the best time to make your final selection of Christmas gifts.

No store anywhere offers a better stock of gift articles from which to choose practical, useful and beautiful gifts, and when you take into consideration that we are retiring from business and are closing out our immense stocks at great price reductions, you will understand why it is that people are coming from everywhere in the valley to take advantage of the wonderful saving opportunity.

Thousands will be here today. It is the last Saturday before Christmas, and it will be the greatest day of Our Retiring from Business Sale. Everything in every department is reduced in price and people from Fresno and adjacent communities will be here in large numbers to share the benefits of the great sale.

Don't miss the tremendous savings which are presented to you at this opportune time. Come today with the crowds.

## 20% Off Every Article in Every Department of Our Store.

No matter what the marked price, you get everything in our store now, with the one exception of spool cotton, at 20 per cent discount. All original price tickets remain on the goods. You see the former value by the ticket, and all you have to do is to deduct 20 per cent from the regular price, and you can count the big saving you have made on your purchase.

But the real saving to you is not shown by this reduction in price. Throughout our stocks a great many articles were reduced far below value before our closing out sale began. These are again reduced in price, when you buy them, 20 per cent. Then again, all our stocks were purchased before the recent heavy advances of all woolen, cotton, linen and leather goods, and where most stores have been compelled to mark goods of these kinds at regular prices much higher than those which were in force here, our prices remain the same and are now cut down 20 per cent.

And so you see, the exact savings to you average from 30 to 75 per cent. Is it any wonder, then, that there are crowds here daily buying heavily of all kinds of merchandise, and especially so, when they can buy with the confidence of getting merchandise of reliable quality and style? We say again, come with the crowds today.

### Gift Suggestions From Every Section

Fine Furs—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Fine Waists—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Tailored Suits—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Smart Coats—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Dress Skirts—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Loungeing Robes—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Fancy Goods—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Handkerchiefs—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Gloves—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Hand Bags—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Neckwear—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Ribbons—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Umbrellas—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Fancy Hosiery—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Fancy Art Goods—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Underwear—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Dress Goods—20 Per Cent Discount.  
All Silks—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Domestics—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Linen—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Bedding—20 Per Cent Discount.

Towels—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Men's Shoes—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Women's Shoes—20 Per Cent Discount.  
Children's Shoes—20 Per Cent Discount.

## Social and Club News

Society was well represented last night at the Empire theater, when two plays, one by Lionel Dalton and the other the collaboration of Mr. Dalton and Al C. Joy, were produced for the benefit of the Fresno County Humane Society. The cozy little playhouse was filled to overflowing and a number of theater parties marked the happy occasion, followed by jolly little suppers afterwards at the Sequoia grill.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elliott had with them in a box, Mrs. George Osburn, Mrs. C. L. Mason and Mrs. Way; Colonel William Forsyth entertained an his guests, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gray; and Mr. and Mrs. William Remick had as box guests with them Mr. and Mrs. George Rosling, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rogers.

The young men in the cast of the farce entertained the ladies at a supper at the Sequoia after the play and there were a number of other pleasant supper parties among the smart set.

Mrs. Oliver J. Howard entertained at a charming little afternoon yesterday, complimentary to Miss Neomah Wright, a December bride. Miss Howard is also a bride of the season, her marriage having been an event of last month. She has a very cozy home on Effie street and as yesterday's little gathering of friends was the first affair over which this young hostess has presided, it was of more than ordinary interest, especially since it complimented a bride of the season.

The guests brought their work bags and discussed wedding plans, for this is always an all important topic at pre-nuptial gatherings. At the tea

hour dainty refreshments were enjoyed about a pretty tea table. Those asked with Miss Wright on this pleasant occasion were Mrs. William H. O'Brien, Mrs. Paul Posner, Miss Elmo O'Brien, Misses Zillah and Hazel Beall, Miss Gladys McNab, Misses Edna and Ada Bates, Miss Lela Margrett, Miss Anna Wright.

Mrs. R. F. Shepherd and Miss Frankie Shepherd left last night for San Francisco to be gone for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierce are expected to have an holiday visitors Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Parsons and family of Stockton and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norton and family of Merced.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gray and Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Gray returned yesterday from San Francisco, where they attended the opening of the Palace hotel on Thursday night. Mrs. John D. Gray accompanied them home and will spend the holidays in Fresno.

A number of prominent matrons and maids of society are interesting themselves in providing a Christmas tree and toys for the sixty little children belonging to the Public Kindergarten. These kind-hearted philanthropists are going to co-operate with Miss Houston and Miss Nason, the kindergarten teachers, and give the little people a well-deserved Christmas celebration. In anticipation of this event there will be a meeting held this morning at the home of Miss Ann Dickerson, who with Mrs. Anna Newman and

several others is taking an active interest in this affair. They will make all necessary arrangements with the teachers and it is hoped the celebration may be made an annual event. The object is surely a worthy one and one that has not been brought to the attention of the public before.

### FRESNANS MARRIED IN CAPITAL CITY

William Sticklen and Miss Gertrude Carpenter Surprise Friends Will Celebrate Here.

The news of the marriage of two Fresnoans in Sacramento last Monday leaked out yesterday. The contracting parties were William Sticklen of 635 J street and Miss Gertrude Carpenter, also a resident of this city, but who has been on an extended visit to relatives and friends in Missouri since last summer.

Mr. Sticklen left Fresno last Saturday, meeting his bride in Sacramento on Monday. The ceremony was performed the same day and after a brief honeymoon around the bay the happy young couple came to Fresno yesterday in residence. Mr. Sticklen is foreman in one of the departments of a local raitin packing firm.

### SOCIAL LUNCHEON AT ROEDING SCHOOL

Pupils in Washington District Urged to Take Up High School Work.

County Superintendent Lindsay, accompanied by his wife, visited Roeding school yesterday to attend the class entertainment given by the eighth grade. The district trustees also attended with their wives and at noon a luncheon was served. The day's visit proved to be a pleasant one, socially speaking. On Thursday Mr. Lindsay visited American Colony school with Principal Abbott of the Washington Union High school. The trustees of the Union district, which includes the Washington Colony, Cleander, Bor, American Colony, Park and Raisin City schools, have authorized the principals to visit the schools with the county superintendent in the interest of the High school and by making talks among the pupils in the graded schools encourage them upon graduation to take up the higher high school work.

Papers of the term's second examination held last Monday throughout the district schools are beginning to come in, and Mr. Lindsay says that the personal of them show manifest improvement compared with the first held. These examinations are held at intervals of six weeks.

The principal matter before the County Board of Education meeting today will be the going over and renewal of teachers' certificates granted six years ago and which have or are expiring.

J. H. Harris, trustee of the Fresno Colony school district, has resigned, having moved out of the county into Tulare.

#### DIED

STAPP—In this city, December 17, 1909. William C. Stapp, a native of Missouri, aged 61 years.

Funeral services will be held at the late residence near 10th and J streets, at 2 o'clock tomorrow morning. Interment at Mountain View cemetery.

POLLARD—At 121 Kearney avenue, near Fresno, December 15, 1909. John M. Pollard, a native of Virginia, aged 72 years.

The funeral will be held from Beall Bros' chapel this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Interment at Mountain View cemetery.

CORLEW—In this city, December 15, 1909. Mrs. A. S. Corlew, a native of North Carolina, aged 75 years.

The funeral will be held from the late residence, 402 San Pablo avenue, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Interment at Mountain View cemetery.

WOLF—In Fresno, December 17, 1909. Martin Y. Wolf, son of M. Y. Wolf, deceased was a native of California and 11 years of age.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment at Mountain View cemetery.

BARRITT—In Fresno, December 17, 1909. Francis Barritt, a native of California, aged 24 years.

Funeral at 1 o'clock this afternoon from Stephens and Bean's chapel. Interment at Mountain View cemetery.

ANDERSON—At Home, December 15, 1909. Oscar Anderson.

The funeral will be held from the residence of Theodore Anderson, 371 Blackstone avenue, at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be in Mountain View cemetery.

WILLIAMSON—In Berkeley, December 15, 1909. Mrs. William Williamson, a native of California, aged 6 years.

The funeral will be held from Washington Colony at noon today. Interment at Washington Colony cemetery.

EDE—At 624 L street, this city, December 16, 1909. William Ede, a native of England, aged 77 years.

Funeral from the Cumberland Presbyterian church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Durran Wallace officiating. Interment at Mountain View cemetery.

#### MARRIED

STICKLEN-CARPENTER—In Sacramento, December 12, 1909. William Sticklen and Miss Gertrude Carpenter, both of this city.

#### ILLINOIS BARBER SHOP LAW.

Some of the Chicago barbers are organizing to attack the state barber board, which was created at the last session of the legislature. They don't like to pay the fees provided in the law. They don't want a commission of barbers to pass on the sanitary conditions of their shops. They say that so long as other trades of a grade similar to theirs are not similarly placed under the control of state commissions, the barbers are unfairly discriminated against.

The readiness of the Illinois legislature to extend systems of organization proper for the professions to all sorts of trades has been marked, and a text of these laws has been bound to come. If it comes at once on the initiative of the barbers, so much the better.

The inspection of the sanitary condition of barber shops is a perfectly proper work of government. But such inspection should be done not by a loosely organized board of barbers, but by regularly salaried inspectors working under a general bureau of sanitary inspection. That is the only way to make it efficient and fair.

That is the only way, too, to avoid the related features of the commission system, which tend to establish trade monopolies, and which in some instances seem to be the real reasons for the passage of the laws in question.—Chicago Record-Herald.

#### VENOMOUS.

Well—That's a beautiful fan Miss Gliddick has. Belle—Yes, she says she bought it to match her complexion.

Well—Oh, I hadn't noticed that it was hand-painted.—Philadelphia Record.

## SUPPORT OF GROWERS NEEDED FOR SUCCESS

Many Promises Made, But No Real Action Is Being Taken as Yet.

Fellow Raisin Growers: A company with capital enough to control and insure stability to the raisin market has been our dream for years. As a step towards the realization of this dream the Central California Raisin Company was organized and has been soliciting your support for two months, but contracts have been signed for only a few thousand acres of vineyard.

We have received promises and encouragement enough to have guaranteed success had such been given in a tangible form.

Whether these promises were made in good faith, whether you have since changed your minds, or whether you still think there is plenty of time, we do not know, and it matters not, for the effect is the same. Success depends upon prompt action on your part.

We expected to make a house to house campaign, but can only do that as you, by your support, furnish the sheaves of war.

This statement is not issued as a bluff, nor as a grocer from disgruntled agitators, but as a simple statement of facts, because we believe a growers' organization with money is necessary to insure our own prosperity, and because we know that failure now puts much further in the future the success of any plan.

Realizing that you must be the final arbiters, and that our efforts can avail nothing without your support, we are making this appeal. Our efforts will cease or be continued with renewed vigor as you may determine in the next few days.

Yours very truly,  
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA RAISIN COMPANY  
BY WYLIE M. GIFFEN.

## FRESNO INVESTMENT COMPANY ORGANIZED

Articles of Incorporation Placed on File With County Clerk.

Articles of incorporation were filed at the court house today for the organization of the Fresno Loan and Investment Company. There are to be seven directors as stated in the articles and the names of the directors for the first year are as follows: Grover Loftus, I. S. Knight, Calvin Pearson, John M. Hambleton, C. F. Bryan, R. M. Schmitt and J. A. Fletcher.

The company proposes to do a general loan and investment business; investing money in real estate in Fresno and the surrounding country, making loans in Fresno and other places upon properties throughout the San Joaquin valley. It is intended that the main office of the company is to be at 1932 Main street. The officers will be Grover Loftus, president; Calvin Pearson, vice president; C. F. Bryan, secretary; A. M. Drew and F. C. Huebner, attorneys.

## PERSONAL MENTION

G. W. Campbell of San Jose is at the Hughes.

Otto Rapp of Los Angeles is stopping at the Hughes.

C. C. House of Stockton is a visitor in Fresno.

J. T. Snider and E. T. Smith of Los Angeles are at the Hughes.

Joseph Cory of Hanford was a visitor in Fresno yesterday.

J. M. Meyer of Stockton is registered at the Hughes.

A party of business men of Chicago and Los Angeles is stopping at the Hughes.

Those in the party are W. J. Latford and A. C. Smith of Chicago and B. T. Smith of Los Angeles.

John A. Holmer is registered at the Hughes from Dinuba.

R. W. Hobart, commercial agent for the Santa Fe, was a passenger to San Francisco yesterday. He will return tonight or tomorrow.

## UNITARIAN PULPIT.

Why Not Prolong Christmas? We are all joyous at Christmas. Why? We are planning to make somebody else happy. We are anticipating the smiles we are sure will wreath the faces of our friends, and we are glad in the thought. We have forgotten self, and are caring for other people. Why limit it to one day or one season of the year? The same thing that makes Christmas "happy" would make stormy March days, or the hot "dog-days" happy. And if all the days are not happy God and the universe are not to blame. The whole matter is in our own hands. We ourselves can make all the year round a Christmas if we will. We ourselves can banish selfishness, hate, grief and all the things that blight and curse our own little corner of the world if we choose to do so.

J. A. CRUZAN, Field Agent.

## S. B. CATARRH CURE

Cures catarrh of the head, ears, nose, throat, stomach and bladder when other remedies fail. Try it at Smith Bros' Drug Store.

The Edgar Building will have the finest and most convenient offices rooms. Will be ready January 1st. Inquire Pearson, 1944 Tulare St.

## REDWOOD GRAPE STAKES.

Redwood Tanks for wine and water. R. F. Wilson, Stockton, Cal.

Dr. Sarah Fugh, Osteopathic Physician, 130 Forsyth Bldg. Main 48.

## OLD KING COAL

Old King Coal was a jolly old soul. But not so merry as they who sit by their grate never filled with slates singing.

December is pleasant as May. Ask the consumer of the vague rumor. Of a coal that makes winter a myth. He'll say it is true, and all honor due to the gem sought of all, both great and small.

"American Block." Stored Burnham's coal is a treasure for all. Whence comes this coal can make a merry soul. When zero's the weather man's tune?

FRESNO FUEL CO., 102 O St. Phone Main 239.

## ROURKE

The Hatter Try Me \$2.50 Derby and Soft Hats Shaped to fit any head. All kinds of hat work done.

1188 J Street Phone Main 2004

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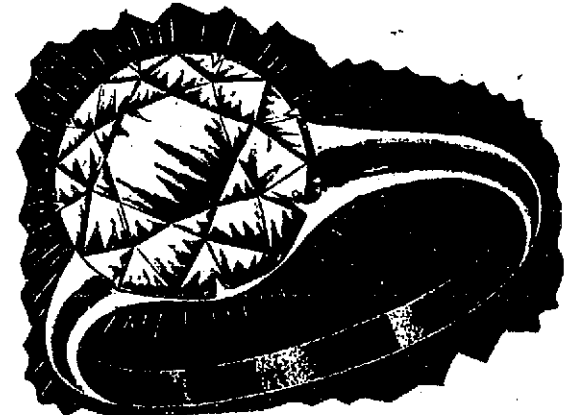
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The New Store at 1032 J Street, Fresno, Cal.

## See Our Windows



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**DIAMOND TALK**  
The Best--The Choicest  
Gift of all--a DIAMOND

The pleasure of Christmas giving can be greatly enhanced by selecting your gift at our store. There's true character in every article we sell.

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Every Article Sold Is Fully Guaranteed, and We'll Cheerfully Refund Money If Any Article Purchased Does Not Prove Just as Represented

## Diaries for Christmas I Beg to Remind the Ladies

THAT THEIR MASCULINE FRIENDS, LOVERS AND RELATIVES, FOR WHOM THEY "JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GET FOR CHRISTMAS," WILL BE WELL PLEASED WITH A NICE POCKET DIARY. (N. B.—LADIES, A DIARY PREVENTS THEM FROM FORGETTING THEIR DATES WITH YOU.)

I HAVE VERY NICE POCKET DIARIES IN THE FINEST LEATHER BINDINGS, LETTERED TO ORDER IF DESIRED. ALSO EXTRA QUALITY POCKET MEMORANDUM BOOKS, VERY SUITABLE FOR GIFTS, AND A BETTER ASSORTMENT THAN USUAL OF WALLETS AND CARD CASES.

Don't Forget, Ladies, at the Store of

**C. H. Pearley,**  
1111-1117 J St.

Chocolate Layer	Snowball Loaf	Caramel Layer	Angel Food
Nut Loaf	<b>CAKES</b>		Pineapple Layer
Lemon Layer			Gold Loaf
Cocoanut Layer			Neapolitan Layer
Checker-board Layer	Marble Layer		

We will have these cakes in 25c, 40c and 65c sizes today. Cakes are all iced with our special icing.

### Bread and Pastry

Holland's pies are the standard for excellence all over the valley, while there is scarcely a town from Merced to Eurekafield that does not display a "HOLLAND'S IDEAL BREAD" agency sign.

Order a pie to suit your taste from the following list:

APPLE, PUMPKIN, CHISTARD, LEMON, COCOANUT, CREAM, BLACKBERRY, LOGANBERRY, PEACH, APRICOT, RAISIN, CHOCOLATE CREAM, MINCE AND PUMPKIN.

### Fruits and Vegetables

Come in and see our display of coast and local vegetables this morning and make your selection early from the list: Artichokes, Beans, Celery, Celery Root, Green Peas, Sprouts, Horns Radish Root, Bell Peppers, Hot Peppers, Tomatoes, Oyster Plant, Rhubarb, New Potatoes, Hubbard Squash, Carrots, Turnips, Green Onions, Parsnips, Radishes, Beets, Spinach.

Apples, Oranges, Bananas, Grapes, Cocoanuts, Cranberries, Pineapples, Grape Fruit, Pears.

There are hundreds of articles in our Crockery Department suitable for Christmas gifts, possibly the very thing you have been hunting the town over for, and at prices to suit all pocketbooks.

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## SALVATION ARMY PLANS TO FEED 700 ON CHRISTMAS

Appeal Is Made By Captain  
Carroll for Donations  
of Supplies.

Thirty-six Cases of Poverty  
and Sickness Are Re-  
ported in City.

The Salvation Army under the leadership of Captain and Mrs. W. H. Carroll are making arrangements to give its annual Christmas dinner to the poor and needy. The members of the army have planned to feed 700 people on December 25, but at the present time have received but few donations. For the past three weeks they have had three iron kettles on different street corners in the city but the amount contributed has been very small, and at no time have the kettles been in any danger of boiling over.

Because of this fact the army has been forced to make an appeal to the public for donations in the way of supplies so as to enable it to give the dinner. J. H. Carter, the veteran chef, who will prepare the Christmas dinner, has made out a list of the supplies that will be necessary. He wants 300 pounds of turkey and chicken, a side of beef, a side of pork, fifty pounds of sugar, twenty pounds of coffee, some canned fruit, flour, oranges, apples, nuts, and a quantity of spices.

Carter, although 79 years of age, has prepared the Christmas dinner for the

last seven or eight years, and this year is, on hand again more enthusiastic than ever about his work. "The dinner is to be held in Union hall, which has been given to the army on that day by the Federated Trades, to the members of which the Salvation Army feels very much indebted. The dinner of last year was held in the same place and the army fed between 500 and 600 people. All who feel that they can contribute are requested to call on Captain Carroll by Jan. 25 or call at his residence, No. 744 K street, before the 15th of this month. The Salvation Army expects to send seventy-five baskets of food to those who are poor, but are unable to leave their homes on account of sickness. These baskets will contain enough for seven people.

On the night of the first of January the Salvation Army also intends to give a Christmas tree entertainment in Union hall for the little children, who will not receive any presents on Christmas.

Again Captain Carroll requests donations of toys and children's story books from any one who feels so inclined to make such a donation.

In speaking about the amount of sickness and poverty that has been called to his attention recently, Captain Carroll said that he knew of twenty-four cases of persons who were lying on a bed of sickness and were poverty stricken. "The dire poverty that exists," he said, "was illustrated by the case of a very old man, who lives in a little hotel in the south part of town. This man, according to the Captain, is stricken in bed with sickness, but has not enough covering to keep him warm. All that he has is a piece of old bed ticking to wrap himself in."

In addition to these twenty-four cases there are twelve cases of persons who are not sick, but poverty stricken, and not able to alleviate their condition because of the infirmities of old age.

## WHO WANTS RAISINS FOR BETTER THAN 2 1-2?

Thirty-Five Tons of 1909  
Crop Ordered Sold  
By Court.

Who will go better the 2 1/2 cents offer for 35 tons of raisins of the 1909 crop made to the administrator of the estate of George Chas. Hines. The court has given authority to make the sale for 2 1/2 cents, because the money is urgently needed to pay off the debts of the estate. General claims aggregate \$600, there's \$700 due for family allowance, the crop is mortgaged for \$750 to the First National Bank of Fresno, \$50 is due as interest, \$37.50 for water rates and \$93.81 as real estate taxes.

Mrs. Alice J. Hancock asks for letters in the estate of George Hancock, who died on the 19th of October, 1908, on the S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of 13-14-18 planted to alfalfa but pastured with stock until the alfalfa has been trampled out. The land is sold to her worth only \$50 an acre in its present condition, or \$100 in the aggregate. The heirs are the petitioner, the mother and Clarence, a brother, of this city, Nellie Harris, a sister, of Oakland, J. B. Jr., a son of Los Angeles, Sidney, another son, of Fresno, and Hattie, a daughter, of Fresno. The deceased was a son of the late tax collector, J. B. Hancock.

E. H. Hill asks for distribution of the estate of James E. Clark, who died on August 12, 1925, of the estate of lots 24 and 25 in Hagedell's addition, block 2. The widow, Alice E., transferred all her interest to the three minor children, the petitioner being guardian to receive their share.

Lusetta J. Haven has sued W. R. and G. J. Johnson to recover on a note for \$505 for 60 days dated March 6th and on another note for \$1085 of the 16th, both drawing 8 per cent. The notes are to the Haven Auto Co. and endorsed to her order.

The estate of George H. Hovsepian is appraised at a total of \$17,825.50, of which \$12,000 represents the value of lots 97-100 in Fruitvale estate and \$4,750 the half interest in lots 3-4 and 5 in the NW 1/4 of 23-14-19 of the E. of California tract.

Inventory filed appraises the value of the estate of A. O. Johnson at \$1225, of which \$122.50 is cash and the remainder two lots in city block 21 and 4 in block 4 of Grand Avenue park.

Enna Goodner has sued Andrew Goodner for divorce on the ground of desertion.

## SEANCE IN THEATER

A spiritualistic seance on an open, well-lighted stage is a distinct novelty, and yet that is what is promised by Dr. Charles M. Sawyer, a cosmopolitan exponent of spiritualism, who will appear at the Barton Sunday night, December 19, in connection with the seance the eminent theosophist will give demonstrations of his spiritualistic theories in broad light.

The problem of piercing in any way the veil that separates the natural from the spiritual world is one that has attracted the attention of many men of attention, and Dr. Sawyer has been successful in Philadelphia and other American cities in demonstrating his unusual powers.

He is a past master of clairvoyance, slate writing, suspension of weights, objects in the air, answers to questions written and retained by the interrogators, who receive full and intelligent answers, and similar phenomena. But his most interesting feat is the medium and demonstration of spirit forms which he has brought to such a point that he claims that even faces can be detected.

In one of his manifestations, Dr. Sawyer is surrounded by a committee from the audience. Suddenly forms appear beside him; then disappear, to emerge among the audience in the full light of the theater. Several local men who are skeptical have received an open invitation to come and investigate this demonstration fully.

**TREASURY BALANCE**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The condition of the treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:  
Trust funds—Gold coin \$475,092,580; silver dollars, \$169,397,000; silver certificates outstanding \$14,387,000.

General fund—Standard silver dollars in general fund \$201,669; current liabilities \$11,251,115; working balance in the treasury offices \$22,332,503; in banks to credit of treasurer of the United States \$24,320,425; subsidiary silver coin \$15,682,280; minor coin \$1,221,027; total balance in general fund \$78,708,492.

**LONDON WOOL**  
LONDON, Dec. 17.—A sale of Cape of Good Hope and Natal sheepskins was held here today. The offerings amounted to 362,169, of which 205,500 were sold. The attendance was good and the demand strong especially for long woolled skins. Shorn skins and lambs were unchanged and coarse skins declined 14 to 1/2d.

**TELEGRAPHERS LOSE.**  
GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 17.—The first court of civil appeals of this city declared as unconstitutional the eight hour telegraphers' law passed by the last Legislature.

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\$3.00 and \$3.50 Pants ..... \$2.25  
\$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 Pants ..... \$3.50  
\$6.00 and \$6.50 Pants ..... \$4.75  
\$7.00, \$7.50 and \$8.00 Pants, hand tailored ..... \$5.85

## Smoking Jackets and Dressing Gowns Just Received

\$7.50 Smoking Jackets, now ..... \$4.85  
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\$12.50 Smoking Jackets, now ..... \$6.85  
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\$2.50 values at ..... \$1.90  
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\$1.50 and \$1.75 values  
at ..... \$1.35

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\$1.50 and \$1.75 values  
now ..... \$1.30  
\$2.00 values ..... \$1.60

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\$1.00 values ..... 75c  
\$1.50 values ..... \$1.05

50c values ..... 35c  
25c values ..... 20c

\$1.50 Suspenders and Tie to match ..... \$1.00  
\$2.25 Suspenders and Tie to match ..... \$1.60  
\$3.00 Suspenders and Tie to match ..... \$2.25  
25c Fancy Arm Bands ..... 20c  
25c Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs ..... 20c

## Corduroys

\$4.00 Sweet Orrs and "Can't Bust Em," peg hips and cuffs ..... \$3.25  
\$3.50 light and dark colors ..... \$2.50  
\$3.00 exceptional values for that, now ..... \$2.25

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\$2.00 values Wool Underwear, now ..... \$1.45 gar.  
\$1.50 values Wool Underwear, now ..... \$1.15 gar.  
\$1.00 values Wool Underwear, now ..... 85c gar.  
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Boys' Reefer Suits, ages 2 1/2 to 9.  
25 Per Cent Off on the Girls' Reefer Coats, blue serges, black and white check worsted and red chevrons; ages 8 to 12.  
Girls' \$5.00 black Beaver Hats, now ..... **\$3.25**

## BOYS' HATS

\$1.50 and \$2.00 values, sale price ..... 95c  
75c values, sale price ..... 50c  
50c values, sale price ..... 25c

Boys' \$2.50 Sweater Coats, all colors, now ..... **\$1.75**

## Union Suits

\$1.50 values, sale price ..... \$1.15  
\$2.50 values, sale price ..... \$1.85  
\$3.00 values, sale price ..... \$2.40  
\$4.00 values, sale price ..... \$3.15

\$1.50 Night Shirts, now ..... \$1.10  
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Denver	3:45 4:20	2:45
Grand Canyon	3:45 4:20	2:45
Hanford	4:20	7:15 2:45
Kansas City	3:45 4:20	2:45
Johannesburg	3:45	
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Richmond	1:00 8:00	10:50 11:35
San Fran	1:00 8:00	10:50 11:35
Stockton	1:00 8:00	10:50 11:35
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## SAND CREEK HILL-TOP ROAD IS SURVEYED IN RAIN AND SNOW

Surveyor Has No Preference Over the First Chosen Route.

Survey Party Denied Accommodations By Turbine Innkeeper.

County Surveyor McKay has finished the survey of the southern hill-top road, which interested ones would have the supervisors substitute for the originally surveyed route for the Sand Creek mountain road between Lucas orchard and White's Gap. Mr. McKay started out on the survey on the 15th of last November and was out in the field thirty-two days, working

frequently in rain and in snow. In the surveying party were Pat Clabby as rodman, Harry Brown as chainman and Frederick Adams as levelman.

McKay says that the proposed hill-top road surveys twelve and one-half miles as against eleven and one-fourth miles between the same points on the original line, and therefore the hill-top is one and one-fourth miles longer. Chauncey Baker, who was born and has lived in the mountains all his life and knows every foot of the ground, is quoted as saying that the hill-top road does not compare with the old one for scenery, and has the further disadvantage that on the twelve-mile stretch from the orchard to White's Gap there is only one point where water may be had at a creek.

"As for myself," said the surveyor, "I have no preference to make or suggest as to the two routes. They are almost a stand-off, considering the things. The Bakers think that the first survey is the best for the road; the others are for the second. Each is actuated by personal considerations, because the routes come nearer their respective homes and they are a benefit in this to them directly."

The survey made covered really more than twelve and one-half miles. That stretch covered only the southern road popularly designated as the hill-top route between the Lucas orchard and White's Gap, two prominent landmarks. Besides this there was a small survey of a new connecting road between the orchard and Nelf's Mills, and from the latter three and one-fourth of a mile southeast to strike the Millwood road, continuing in a general

easterly direction two and one-half miles to Hart's mill above the Double-S road to give a road to Hume via Quail Flat.

Speaking of the feeling engendered because of the proposed Sand Creek mountain road, by Fresno county, Surveyor McKay relates two incidents which tried his temper and upset his good nature. It was after dark—on the 15th of last month—that the surveying party reached the roadside inn at Camp Badger, in Tulare county, run by a man named Cooksey. It was a cold night, with the snow five inches deep on the ground. The party asked for supper and breakfast accommodations, but was denied them because he said his wife was not at home. The party was not even invited indoors to warm itself at a fire, but was kept outside waiting on the porch.

The party therefore put up that night with a private family and the next day McKay learned that Cooksey would not even permit his son on the night before to convey to McKay a long-distance telephone call, or send him notification of it, although he was not further away than a few hundred yards.

Having started on his day's journey, McKay learned of the telephone call and tramped five miles through the snow to the next nearest telephone at Miramonte, losing a day of the survey work. Fortunately the message was not urgent one, but on the trip he was all anxiety and suspense because he had left word at home in Fresno that should anything happen to the family to call him up at all hazards by long distance.

McKay learned afterward that the reason why the party was denied accommodations at the inn at Badger was because the landlord said he knew the hungry and cold men were surveyors from Fresno to lay out the new road, and he would not help out any proposition that contemplated taking travel from the Tulare county route to the mountains passing his house.

The actual survey was completed on Wednesday night, and it took a day's travel on Thursday to come home late at night. McKay says that Blackburn, one of the hill-top road enthusiasts, was with the party at all times during the field work to cut out the brush, as he had promised to do before the supervisors as one inducement to order the supplementary survey. Bob Williams, one of the road viewers, appointed by the supervisors, also did valiant work as a brush cutter.

The survey was frequently delayed by rain and snow. In fact, last week rains came in a deluge more like a cloud burst and one of these rains would in the night wash away all the accumulated snow on the mountain side. The Kings river was booming as it was never known to do before, and Pioneer, T. L. Reed said that the water in the river had not been so high in fifty-two years, being up to the stringers of the new bridge put in at Reedley this year.

On the thirty-second day of the surveying trip, no more exciting episode was experienced by the surveyors than to be witness one night of a terrific combat, which lasted about one-half hour, between a 25-pound raccoon and the dogs at Chauncey Baker's. Chauncey shook off the con from the willow into which the dogs had treed him, and he fell among the weeping vines of canines, fighting until the last breath left his carcass.

### PHYSICIAN'S WIFE ATTACKS BURGLAR

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Argyle Hunter, wife of Dr. Edwin L. Hunter, broke down a door of her home here yesterday, and armed herself with a foot stool, drove away a burglar, who fled through the rear door of her apartments with jewelry valued at \$200.

Several hundred dollars in money and jewelry were left behind by the thief in his haste to escape. Mrs. Hunter had been visiting a neighbor Mrs. Frank Storer.

The latter stood guard at the front entrance, while Mrs. Hunter, who ran into her apartment, seized a foot stool and ordered the burglar to put the jewelry back. The burglar fled.

### SEATTLE TO HAVE CHINESE SCHOOL

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—The fourteen rich Chinese boys who came to Seattle last month to gain an American education have taken steps to incorporate a private school under the state laws and to devote themselves to the study of English in order to enter the State University next fall. It is expected that the school will be made permanent and there will be a constant flow of young Chinese students to it. A large party of Chinese girl students is expected to arrive soon.

## VELASQUEZ, A NON-UNION PAINTER OF OLD SEVILLE

Waited 200 Years for His Genius to Be Discovered.

Something of the Works Produced By This Spanish Artist.

Four hundred thousand dollars was paid recently for a "Velasquez," as we read in a newspaper, and it must be so.

Now we have no very definite idea as to what kind of a thing a "Velasquez" is, but if any of our readers have wives who wear a Velasquez that man is right in style, to say nothing of his wife or wive.

Later: We find that Velasquez was a non-union painter of Seville. He died from the hook-worm superinduced by over exertion in assisting to get the infant Maria Theresa married to Louis XIV. He painted "Joseph's Coat," which sacred revelation confessed to have been of the impressionist school and somewhat highly colored. Joseph could not possibly have paid anything like four hundred thousand dollars for having his coat painted, as he was quite young and his folks were in ordinary circumstances. This clearly proves that Velasquez found it necessary to die to create anything like an active market for his work—a most unfortunate and embarrassing complication.

Prior to his death, Velasquez also did "The Boar Hunt." He also painted "Lot and his Daughters." This was before the Lot girls' mother met with her lamentable accident. The Lot girls must have been good girls for their mother was of the salt of the earth. (Gen. 19:26.)

It was two hundred years after Velasquez died before his genius was discovered. No man can be doubtful in his life-time whether he is an idiot or a genius. The only thing to do is to submit the proofs, get out of the way and leave the outcome to succeeding generations.

Velasquez lisped. This is conclusively proven by the way he pronounced his own name. He pronounced it "Vay-lath-keth."

We consider the career of this obscure lisping youth to be singularly inspiring. Many of us have no hope whatever of amounting to anything at present, but two or three centuries hence they may dig up our bones to give them decent burial and after exposing them to public view for a week or so, deposit them in some temple of fame where their fragrance may become a national heritage and be wafted down the centuries.—Pasadena News.

### LATON JURY ACQUITS DUCK HUNTER TABER

District Attorney Says It Was No Wonder Under the Given Testimony.

The jury trial at Laton of Market Hunter Taber for having more than the law's allowance of wild ducks in his possession for shipment to San Francisco on the 8th inst resulted in an acquittal. Deputy District Attorney McCormick, who prosecuted the case, says the acquittal was to be expected under the evidence in the case.

The prosecution was instituted by Deputy District Game Warden J. E. Lewis. Taber is one among others who have the lease of land south and west of Summit lake, near Riverdale, for the exclusive shooting of wild ducks for the market. On the day in question it was claimed that he had caused to be deposited twenty-five ducks, each containing twenty-five ducks, on the station platform at Laton for shipment, tagged to the same consignee, but by two different shippers, the ducks having been left at Riverdale to be conveyed to Laton by the driver of the creamery wagon from Laton.

There was evidence that Market Hunter Taber had also left on that day ducks for shipment from Riverdale via Laton, in fact that one time there were at the Riverdale station on that day not less than four sacks, each probably with the full bag limit of twenty-five ducks for a man. Mr. McCormick says the testimony was so juggled that a conviction could not have been upheld.

### GIRL ATTEMPTS TO ENLIST IN NAVY

Wished to Be With Sweetheart, But Could Not Pass Physical Examination.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The second attempt of Miss Adelaide Portwood of Decatur, Ill., to enlist in the United States navy that she may be with her sweetheart, who has been ordered to Central America, went away yesterday because of certain regulations governing the enlistment of recruits. Her sweetheart is Corporal James Dixon of the Marine Corps, who recently inherited about \$100,000, obtained his discharge and then re-enlisted because he could not curb his martial spirit. Miss Portwood's family is said to be prominent in Decatur.

When Sergeant Holman and Captain William Bennett of the Department of Illinois and Dr. William H. Daly, examining physician, whom he had summoned, reached the recruiting station Miss Portwood, in complete boy's attire, was waiting them, with an expectant smile.

Miss Portwood obeyed, but fifteen minutes later, when Sergeant Holman investigated to ascertain the cause of her delayed appearance, he found that she had escaped through a window. A hair pin and perfumed lace handkerchief lying on the floor told a story of her own.

### TRAINS HELPLESS IN SAND STORM

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 14.—From noon yesterday until an early hour today, Southern Pacific trains running through the Bloomington-Fillmore section of the valley were delayed by a terrific windstorm which hurled hundreds of tons of sand upon the tracks. For hours before sunset, the sky was obscured by great clouds of sand, and working crews went out from Colton to clear the tracks, suffering severely from the stinging of the brittle particles swirling and eddying in the strong north wind.

Passenger and freight trains to and from Los Angeles were from two to four hours behind their schedules.



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Made of the very finest felt, elaborately trimmed with fur and braided, hand sewed.

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Makes a splendid holiday gift.

Men's \$2.00 House Slippers on sale for \$1.45 a pair.

Made of selected vici kid in tan or black, hand turned soles, opera or Everett styles.

Men's \$4.00 Dress Shoes on sale for \$2.65 a pair.

Made in all leathers, button or lace styles, hand made shoes of high quality.

Women's \$4.00 Dress Slippers on sale for \$1.95 a pair.

Beaded slippers in patent kid or French vici kid, hand turned soles. French heels, suitable for dancing or party wear.

Misses' \$2.00 Dress Shoes on sale for \$1.15 a pair.

Patent kid, vici kid or box calf shoes, extension soles, blucher cut.

Boys' \$1.75 School Shoes on sale for 95c a pair.

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Howard	.....\$375.00 Will go for.....	\$275.00
Howard	.....\$400.00 Used 3 months.....	\$270.00
Howard Player Piano	.....\$750.00 12 Rolls Music.....	\$475.00
Monarch	.....\$350.00 Yours for.....	\$242.50
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Krell, mahogany	.....\$500.00 Used 9 months.....	\$285.00
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Glenn Reyburn Weds Miss Charlotte Porter of Wisconsin.

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The wedding ceremony was performed under a large hall, C. H. Reyburn, brother of the groom, was best man and Miss Bessie Hays, bridesmaid.

A delicious repast was served after the ceremony, covers being laid for fifty-five relatives and near friends. Many beautiful presents of silver, china and glass and linen, with other useful and ornamental articles were received.

At 11 o'clock the brideparty was taken to Fresno by automobile by O. C. Colington, and the bride and groom took the train for Los Angeles and other northern towns for three weeks, remaining a few days with the groom's sister, Mrs. Mary Archer, in Redlands. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dawson, F. T. Dawson, W. L. Dawson, J. W. Sharer, N. H. Hays, R. F. Parks, L. D. Reyburn, Charles T. Reyburn, O. C. Colington, Messrs. C. J. Reyburn, J. D. Reyburn, C. H. Reyburn, E. E. Reyburn, Walter and John Reyburn, C. H. Reyburn, Oleville Reyburn, Harold and Milton Reyburn, Clinton Colington, Clarence Sharer, Robert C. Dawson, C. F. Parks, Raymond Parks, John Hays, Misses Sylvia and Pearl Hays, Bessie Hays, Gertrude Hays, Rose Lester, Gertrude Sewell, Florence and Edna Sharer, Madeline Bassett, Olla McLeod, Pura Hughes, M. P. McDonald, Alma and Ethel Dawson, Alice Gertrude Sharer, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Susie Lester.

Roy Kuhn is home from California and will take his old place at the Southern Pacific depot.

Homer Howard will soon again be called to take a business position for the winter. Miss Kathryn Shortridge left Thursday evening for San Francisco on a business trip.

Earl Howard has retired from the S. P. office and will go to Los Angeles in a few days.

The Teachers' club met at the home of M. M. Whitney Thursday afternoon to discuss educational topics. After an hour of bright suggestions refreshments were served. The meeting was voted a most helpful and enjoyable one.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutting left Friday morning for a week's visit in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hutchinson moved to their ranch home on Thursday.

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Some of our enterprising business men are taking of establishing a skating rink in the city hall.

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## \$6 WASTE BASKET EXCITES JUROR LYON

Former Mayor Starts Out on  
an Independent Grand  
Inquisition.

The grand jury committee, which had the offices of the assessor and of the recorder on its visiting list, made its official call yesterday forenoon and finished its inquiries to report next Monday morning at the general meeting of the body. The amusing incident that has come out of the sessions of the grand jury grows out of the fact that Grand Juror W. Parker Lyon, having constituted himself the special committee to specially examine all demands against the county for furniture and like supplies. An audited claim for a waste basket bought from D. H. Williams and costing \$6 aroused

his interest for he had never heard of a \$6 waste paper basket. Juror Patterson of the court house was hunted up for several days for a view of that basket. Patterson had a day or so before the same trouble before the supervisors, who bucked also on a \$6 waste-paper basket as the bill described it. Nothing would do but Patterson had to bring the basket into the council chamber and deposit it on Clerk Ewing's desk as an exhibit. Juror Lyon was similarly placated yesterday on sight of the basket. But instead of a waste-paper basket, proved to be a great hamper, specially made to order and used in the various court house corridors as a general receptacle of the contents of the smaller office baskets. Patterson had ordered it as a labor saving contrivance to obviate the fall troupy janitors running down into the basement to empty every small basket and while doing so be away from his watchful eye.

### DIED IN SCOTLAND.

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 17.—A cablegram from Scotland announces the death of James H. Smith, one of Pasadena's oldest residents and the owner of much business and residential property. Smith, accompanied by his wife and daughter was visiting relatives in Scotland.

## LAWYER HART PLANNING ELECTRIC ROAD TO COALINGA

With a Branch to Minarets  
Iron Ore Mines in  
Madera.

Rights of Way of the Cart-  
wright Enterprise May  
Be Sought.

W. H. Hart, former state attorney general and largely interested in the oil development business in Coalinga, was in Fresno yesterday from San Francisco, as he admitted, to make a preliminary view of the field in the interest of a passenger and freight railroad between Fresno and Coalinga.

Being at the court house, he was introduced to Chairman Martin of the supervisors, and conferred with him informally as to the prospects for securing rights of way for such a project, declaring that the venture would be realized if the people of Fresno would give it the encouragement and support that it demands.

When spoken to on the matter later at the Hughes hotel, Mr. Hart did not conceal the purpose of his coming to Fresno, but said that this being only a visit for a preliminary view of the field he could not at this time give much detailed information.

Mr. Hart said that he represented capitalists of Seattle whom he had interested tentatively in a double project, one for a railroad from Fresno to Coalinga by the most direct route, and the other from Fresno to the Minarets in Madera county, the first contemplating a road sixty-three miles long and the other one of seventy miles. In the building of these, steam power would have to be employed at first, though it was the purpose to electrify them within five years, using steam for the first three years, and perhaps also operate gasoline motor passenger and freight cars as an economical feature.

As to rights of way, Mr. Hart professed to see no unsurmountable difficulty in procuring them, declaring that the only obstacle would be across railroad held lands, and over these, he said, he would secure rights of way by condemnation proceedings. He said he had been given to understand that Senator Cartwright is interested with others in promoting such a railroad to Coalinga and had secured nearly all the necessary rights of way.

"He is the very man I want to see on this matter. In fact it is not our purpose now to go out securing rights of way, but to deal directly with the Cartwright people and make it an object to have them come in with us on this Fresno-Coalinga project. I think we will be able to come to a mutually satisfactory arrangement that will expedite this Coalinga branch of our project," said the railroad promoter.

Mr. Hart spoke apparently from a knowledge of the affairs of others on this line and said that the great difficulty he apprehended would be to secure entrance to and into Fresno city and especially right of way over the most costly and expensive lands within a radius of five miles from Fresno city. With this thought in mind, it was that

he asked Supervisor Martin what the probabilities of success would be in securing a county franchise over a county highway.

As an argument why Fresno city and its merchants should specially encourage his Coalinga railroad enterprise, Mr. Hart said that the stores in Coalinga do not apparently cater to the wants of their customers in not carrying certain lines of goods, and that to obtain these the buyers are forced to go to Hanford to do their trading and naturally take much of their business there.

"Now then," suggested Mr. Hart, "that should not be the case. Coalinga is in Fresno and belongs to Fresno and that business should come here, and for the support and encouragement of the business men here we propose, besides the regular passenger and freight business, to start a parcels service—an express delivery business by which the people of Coalinga can send their orders here and we will undertake to make the parcels deliveries in Coalinga for the merchants of Fresno."

"Our two lines would be only local lines. They tell me we cannot make the freight and merchandise business go. It is our proposition to make connections with the S. P., the Santa Fe and the Western Pacific. They must accept our freight, for they are compelled to do so under the law."

The Minarets proposition, Mr. Hart said, has all been worked out on paper and is a resurrection of an enterprise which he says was brought into life in 1902 with \$4,000,000 capital behind it. But the deaths of several of the promoters, the financial disaster which befell another and such other causes gave the enterprise its temporary quietus. The Minarets in Madera county is said to consist of almost pure iron ore, and it will be developed with that purpose in view, so that the branch road is demanded to haul out the product to railroad connection. According to Mr. Hart, the original promoters with him in this railroad from San Francisco to the Minarets were Eastern steel factory magnates.

## ALLEGED GAMBLERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Ed Woods and a Chinaman named Ah Kim were before Police Judge Briggs yesterday morning in answer to charges of gambling. Each pleaded not guilty and bail was fixed at \$50 each. The date of the trial was not set. Woods and the Celestial were arrested in a Chinese lottery den by Patrolmen Goehring and Muehlen on Thursday night. A large quantity of poker chips and lottery tickets were confiscated by the officers. Woods claims that he was playing casino with the Chinaman when arrested.

## SAYS HE DID NOT PERFORM THE WORK

Donnerick Gottie, who was arrested for violating a city ordinance against performing plumbing work without a permit, pleaded not guilty in the charge before Judge Briggs yesterday. Gottie's bail was fixed at \$50. Notice of trial will be made later. Gottie evidently did not understand the nature of the charge against him, for he pleaded that he was not the man wanted, but said another man who resembled him did the work.

### MORE COAL FROM CANADA.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—The Australian coal strike has stimulated coal shipping from Seattle and British Columbia to California. The steamer Tangleco passed out with coal for San Francisco and the steamer Eureka will take a similar cargo. The Besse Dolar and the Belle of Scotland will take coal from British Columbia to San Francisco.

## GETS POUND BOX OF RAISINS AS REWARD

Local Chauffeur Tows Sol-  
len Auto in from Coun-  
try to Owner.

When Charles McAllister, who drives an automobile for the Phoenix Packing Company, went to the barn where the auto is kept yesterday morning, he discovered that the machine was gone. Sometime during the night the car had been stolen from the shed. At noon the lost auto was found by Newton Kinastopher, a local chauffeur, at the side of the road, just off Belmont avenue.

Patrolman Knight and Deputy Sheriff Staley went to the scene, but could find no clues. Kinastopher towed the machine into the city and took it to the Phoenix packing house, where the chauffeur was rewarded with the gift of a pound-box of seeded raisins. When found, the machine was up against a bank where it had evidently been run by the inexperienced driver, who then deserted the car. It is supposed that the machine was stolen for a joy-ride.

## PEACE DISTURBERS GIVEN A "CHANCE"

John Thomas and Tom Burns were sentenced to ten days in the county jail yesterday by Police Judge Briggs for disturbing the peace. The men pleaded guilty and the judge later decided to suspend sentence, pending the future behavior of the pair. Thomas and Burns were alleged to have threatened "Curly" Hughes, proprietor of the Orange saloon with bodily harm because Hughes refused to sell them liquor on the ground that the men were intoxicated.

## THE NEW YORK TRADE REVIEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—R. G. Dun & Company's Weekly Review of Trade (tomorrow) will say:

The year is closing with the volume of business back to more than the normal point and the confidence fully restored. The prevailing high commodity prices indeed produce considerable irregularity and there is much discussion among the close students of economic conditions as to their effect on the money market and the industrial and labor situation. But the business world seems to be adjusting itself to the conviction that an era of high prices has set in to continue for an indefinite period.

The sustained value of raw cotton, following the government cotton report has confirmed selling prices of cotton goods and additional advances are made in bleached goods, denims, colored cotton and the wide print cloth for converting purposes.

Retail dry goods trade is active and a large holiday business is being done. Dulness in export trade in cotton goods is combining with the difficulty of getting prices up on heavy cottons to force a curtailment of the output for a time in the Eastern and Southern mills manufacturing them. Men's wear lines for fall of 1910 are about ready and staple overcoatings have been opened at prices ranging from 10 to 20 per cent. advance over last fall.

## Special Holiday Sale

Sweater Coats and Jerseys

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# NEWS OF EVENTS IN REALM OF SPORT

## HORSES RUN ON SNOW-COVERED TRACK AT JUAREZ, MEXICO, AND ATTENDANCE DROPS TO LOW MARK

Last Four Events Are Contested in a Blinding Storm, Preventing Spectators from Seeing Entries on Back Stretch—Jockey Injured.

JUAREZ, Dec. 17.—The last four races were run in a blinding snow storm and it was impossible to see the horses on the back stretch. The track was entirely covered by snow. Only a small crowd turned out. Jack Garner had his leg badly hurt by being jammed in the first race by Star Thistle.

**RESULTS:**  
First race, mile—Wolferton, 102 (Pickens, 25 to 1, won; Engstrom, 102 (Lowe, 40 to 1, second; Apolizier, 105 (McCahey), 9 to 2, third. Time, 1:44.5.

Second race, six furlongs—Reponseful, 98 (Benescot), 11 to 10, won; Kiddle Lee, 100 (McCahey), 8 to 1, second; The Wolf, 103 (Small), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:15.

Third race, mile and sixteenth—Contestee, 109 (Small), 20 to 1, won; Bryce, 100 (Bell), 20 to 1, second; Light House, 105 (McCahey), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:52.5.

Fourth race, six furlongs—King Cobalt, 110 (Creary), 3 to 1, won; Right Easy, 111 (Austin), 5 to 2, second; Early Tide, 108 (Kennedy), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:14.5.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs—Blaze, 108 (Straw), even; R. I. Smith, 97 (Benescot), 12 to 1, second; Eubus, 102 (Austin), even, third. Time, 1:09.

Sixth race, six furlongs—Marchmont, 105 (Benescot), 3 to 2, won; Goldfinch, 116 (McCahey), 5 to 2, second; E. M. Frye, 107 (Austin), even, third. Time, 1:07.5.

**TODAY'S ENTRIES:**  
First race, five and a half furlongs—Steel King, 105; Brunhilde, Tipster, Lady Paret, Slewfoot, Dixie Gem, Ban Lady, Mary Genvive, Bob Lynch, Ed Kreck, Miss Hardy, 102; Lady Panchita, 97.

Second race, six furlongs—Duce, Hollow, 109; Marcovene, Tillinghast, Pelham, Greysteel, Donna Elvira, King Wilda, Chian Belle, Riskey, Reuben, 107; Fosting, 102.

Third race, five and a half furlongs—Englist, Stendel, 108; Percy Taylor, Brougham, Golden, Frank Clancy, Clint Tucker, Nigger Baby, Precise, 105.

Fourth race, six furlongs—Charlie Doherty, 112; Dainty Belle, Cheswar-dine, L. M. Hickert, Caesar, Augustus, Gibson, B. J. Swanner, Mrs. Nugent, Gunston, Hands Around, Suluado, 107; Don Ton, 102.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs—Patriot, 117; Tremorgo, 108; Murtanla, 107; The Slicker, Miss Gratitude, Judge Shortall, 106; Bright Skies, Be Brief, Coyote, 101.

Sixth race, mile and a sixteenth—The Wrestler, Serylle, 116; Miss Lida, 107; Wander, 102.

## CHICAGO'S STRONG CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL FIVE OUT TO WIN ANOTHER TITLE AND SCENES IN GAME



The basketball season of 1928-29 is in full blast. In fact, this year's campaign promises to be the banner in full blast. In fact, this year's campaign promises to be the banner in full blast.

## EMERYVILLE JUDGES IMPOSE FIRST DISQUALIFICATION OF SEASON IN PAC. UNION HANDICAP

Chester Krum, a 10 to 1 Shot, Interferes With Judge Quinn, the Favorite, and Is Placed in Second Position—Track Fast.

OAKLAND, Dec. 17.—The first disqualification of the season at Emeryville occurred today in the Pacific Union Handicap. Chester Krum, a 10 to 1 chance, finished in front, but was placed second, while first money went to Judge Quinn, the favorite.

After the race, Krum was taken into Judge Quinn's stall, knocking him off his stride. The interference was very apparent and the judges did not hesitate after hearing the stories of the riders.

Roberta, the medium of a heavy play, won the opening event from El Molino. The weather was fine and the track fast.

**RESULTS:**  
First race, five and a half furlongs—Roberta, 112 (Ford), 7 to 1, won; El Molino, 102 (Keders), 10 to 1, second; Bada, 107 (McBride), 9 to 5, third. Time, 1:08.2.5.

Second race, five and a half furlongs—Silvia, 87, 12 (Cavanaugh), 2 to 1, won; Calopus, 107 (Buxton), 7 to 1, second; La Petite, 112 (Walt), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:09.1.5.

Third race, five and a half furlongs—Burling, 129 (Colum), 13 to 5, won; Minnedocia, 109 (Cavanaugh), 7 to 1, second; Time, 1:14.1.3.

Fourth race, five and a half furlongs—Judge Quinn, 108 (Vesper), 6 to 1, won; Chester Krum, 97 (Keders), 10 to 1, second; Miss Pencie, 102 (McBride), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:14.2.5.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs—Lady Elizabeth, 104 (Graney), Dr. Dougherty and Leighton also ran.

Note—Chester Krum won but was disqualified for foul and placed second.

Sixth race, five and a half furlongs—John, 107 (Walt), 4 to 1, won; Flavinny, 100 (Keogh), 20 to 1, second; Cataline, 104 (Gross), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:14.3.

Seventh race, five and a half furlongs—Orrello, 112 (Monty), 3 to 1, won; Saineta, 109 (Colum), 8 to 1, second; Father Statler, 125 (Battig), 9 to 5, third. Time, 1:11.2.5.

Eighth race, five and a half furlongs—Vickie, Mrs. Dot, Escamado, Dr. Rowell, Guernavaca, Bill Mayhem and Als Ar Ben finished as named.

**TODAY'S ENTRIES:**  
First race, five furlongs, maidens, 2-year-olds, purse—Pico Blanco, 115; Di-rectello, Pide of Lismore, Dixie Dixon, Mark Twain, Elodie, Canton, Gramercy, 112; Sweet Basil, 110; Clara Sal, Ocean View, 107.

Second race, five and a half furlongs, 3-year-olds and up, selling—Burning Bush, 107; Verna C. No Quarter, 105; Royal X, X Elmdale, 103; Adena, 102; Redondo, 101; Galvanic, X Jillett, Love-ly Mary, 100; Alcega, R. A. Me-Clure, 99.

Third race, seven furlongs, all ages, selling—Orlene, Netting, Joe Ross, Je-neen, 109; X Blacksheep, 107; Daffi Warfield, Gretchen G., 105; X Home-less, X Col. Brady, 104; X Graham, 87; Reuben, 88; X Tom O'Mally, 84.

Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth, all ages, Ingleside Handicap—Boggs, 120; Follie L., 104; Silver Knight, 99; Raleigh, 85.

Fifth race, mile, 3-year-olds and up, selling—Bishop W., John Louis, Ross-lare, 103; Ed Unit, 102; Round and Round, 104; X St. Avon, 101; X Black-ford, 98; Lady Kitty, 99; Roy Junior, 95; X Rosevale, 88.

Sixth race, five and a half furlongs, 3-year-olds and up, selling—Nagazari, 113; Althalia, 112; Ocean Shore, 108; Inclement, X John H. Sheehan, 106; Belle Kinney, 105; Searfell, 103; Rai-made, 102; X Salvage, 100; Hammer, 101; Thistle Belle, 96; Ybor, 91.

X—Apprentice allowance.

**BILLY MADDEN HAS GOOD SUGGESTION FOR FIGHTERS**

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Billy Madden, the old time manager, who is now conducting a physical culture farm, or rather a rest, at Carlisle, N. Y., was in town yesterday and Billy has a scheme.

"You know an elimination night would be a great thing," says Bill. "I don't want a purse for each man. All I ask is that they give the boys enough for training expenses and I'll take the fellow who wins and make a champion of him. I found Jack McAuliffe, Jack Dempsey and Charlie Mitchell in this way."

"Michael, when he weighed 312, could beat most of the big fellows we had at that time, and he proved later on that he was all there."

"You know that the greatest fighters in the world have come from tournaments. Why, even in San Francisco they found their best boys in the tournament. Jimmy Blitt, Al Neill, Frankie Neill, Eddie Hamilton, Abe Attell, Monte Attell, Al Kaufman and others. I think that if I could get a good big fellow like that in the heavyweight class that I'd be able to push him right up to the front."

"We have a pair of heavyweights right now and if I could bring a boy within a year or so I feel that I'd have a fine chance to bring another champion through."

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Dec. 17.—The Texas baseball league today refused Little Rock admission to the circuit and will remain as in 1928.

door game. Several colleges that abolished the sport in 1928 have again taken it up. In the West a good fight is promised for the conference championship among three universities—Chicago, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Al though former Captains Schommer and Geogon are both out of the game for good, Chicago, last year's champion, was a strong nucleus upon which to build up another powerful five in Captain Hoffman, Pake and Fulkerson, guards, Hubble, subcenter, and Clark Kelly, Cleary and Henry, forwards. This squad of veterans has been reinforced and strengthened by several likely candidates from last year's freshman five, among whom the most promising are Sauer and Edwards. Minnesota has nine veterans from which to select a good team and will also give Chicago a good fight for the championship. Wisconsin has several of last year's varsity team left and a strong lot of freshmen to draw from. Lower picture shows Chicago's star basketball squad—No. 1, Clark; 2, Kelly; 3, Captain Hoffman; 4, Pake; 5, Fulkerson. Illustration No. 1 shows Chicago right forward blocking opponents' attempt to "break try for goal. Scene 2 shows Chicago player instituting back pass.

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## "CYCLONE JOHNNY" THOMPSON IS AWARDED DECISION OVER HYLAND IN FAST TEN-ROUND GO

"Fighting Dick" Is Knocked Down Twice in Fifth, But Comes Back Gamely—Thompson Lands Many Blows But Lacked the Punch.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—After ten rounds of furious fighting, "Cyclone Johnny" Thompson of Syracuse, N. Y., was awarded the decision over "Fighting Dick" Hyland of San Francisco tonight.

Thompson easily deserved the verdict. He rushed to the inside from the start and forced Hyland into clinches time after time. Using his various right to the jaw to good effect, the Syracuse fighter landed the Pacific coast boy repeatedly.

Hyland kept a fighter of slower recuperative power he would have been knocked out in the fifth round. Twice, with hard right swings to the jaw, Thompson sent him back to the canvas.

The first time Hyland took the count of eight and the second knock down kept him down nine seconds. He came back strong, however, and although Thompson tried hard to land a knockout punch, he failed.

The little was not from start to finish, with much in-fighting. He was very aggressive, the men were permitted to fight in the clinches as long as either could swing, and this kept them close to each other the greater part of the contest. Hyland landed many blows in the in-fighting, but they were not as powerful as those which Thompson delivered in the breakaways.

Round 4.—Thompson led with a stiff right to the jaw. A second blow of the same kind sent Hyland to the floor for the count of 8. A third right on Hyland's jaw sent him down for a second, but he came up strong, and a half dozen more rights delivered by Thompson did not seem to hurt him. Thompson tried hard for a knockout but did not have the necessary punch. Toward the end of the round Hyland used rights to stomach and head with good effect. Thompson's round.

Round 5.—Thompson rushed things. He missed a right for the head. Hyland sent light rights to the jaw and Thompson sent several lefts to the body. Thompson drove stiff right to jaw. They clinched and pulled one another around the ring. Round even.

Round 6.—Thompson put stiff left to mouth. Hyland sent one back to jaw. Thompson drove right to jaw and bombarded Hyland's stomach with a succession of rights. Thompson rushed Hyland to the ropes and was placing rights and lefts to the body when the gong sounded. Thompson's round.

Round 7.—Thompson rushed to a clinch. Thompson favored the fighting. Thompson drove right to the jaw, and stiff right to the neck. Hyland forced a clinch and did good in-fighting. Thompson bit right to the jaw and Hyland hung on. They fought hand to hand to the end of the round.

Round 8.—Thompson landed two rights to jaw. Hyland retaliated with left hook. They clinched and delivered body blows as they wrestled around the ring. Hyland was tired. Hyland put right to body. They clinched and the referee cautioned Hyland for holding. They were fighting when the round ended. Round even.

Round 9.—Thompson rushed in to win and landed two rights to the jaw. Hyland closed in and Thompson landed several good body blows. Hyland stiff right to ribs. Thompson clinched Hyland around the ring but failed to land. Hyland drove right to the jaw and landed several body blows. Thompson sent right to jaw and Hyland sent left to body. Thompson slipped to the floor and they were in a clinch when the round ended.

**MRS. HYLAND PRESENT.**  
Mrs. Hyland was a spectator, though few people knew she was present. The gate receipts were estimated at \$4500. Sixty per cent of this went to the boxers, who divided it on a 60 and 40 per cent basis.

Betting was at even money. Thompson offered Hyland \$200 to \$400. He would knock him out, but Hyland refused to take the bet.

Charles Thomas, American Association headhunter manager, acted as referee.

**FIGHT BY ROUNDS.**  
Round 1.—Both men bored in at the outset. Hyland landed the first blow, right to the body. They clinched and exchanged rights and lefts to the body without effect. Round even.

Round 2.—They clinched to a clinch and in the breakaway Thompson landed a good right to the jaw. Hyland fought back with vicious body blows. Thompson missed a hard right to the jaw. In a clinch Hyland bombarded Thompson's kidneys. Hyland landed hard right to body and left to jaw. Thompson sent a hard right to the jaw and Hyland retaliated with right to heart. Hyland's round.

Round 3.—Thompson rushed to Hyland's corner and sent right to body. Thompson landed right swing to body and followed with stiff right to head. Thompson sent hard right to jaw, jarring Hyland and followed with a clinch when the round ended.

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# LATEST GOSSIP IN SPORT WORLD

## UNDER-HAND METHODS OF CHAS. MURPHY ARE EXPOSED AT THE NATIONAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Horace Fogel of Philadelphia Admits That He Is Irrevocably Tied Up With Cub Leader—Deadlock Is as Firm as Before.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—After taking three ballots which showed a continuation of the deadlock, the third session of the annual meeting of the National Baseball League adjourned tonight until tomorrow morning. The three ballots stood:

For John M. Ward, 4; for W. R. Brown of St. Louis, 4. The most significant feature of the meeting was the introduction by Gary Hermann, president of the Cincinnati club, of a telegram from Ban B. Johnson, president of the American League, which was as follows: "The American League club owners have left New York. This should indicate forcibly to you and your colleagues that we do not wish to interfere or embarrass to the slightest degree your organization in the election of an officer."

When Hermann read this telegram, John T. Brush moved "that Mr. Johnson's telegram, in which he recedes from his position, be accepted and given to the press."

This was carried unanimously, and, after the four-hour session, President Ebbetts of the Brooklyn club announced that it was the sense of the eight magnates that Ban Johnson recede from his avowed put to sit on the National Commission if Ward was elected president of the National League, a position he assumed as an ardent advocate of Heydler. Ebbetts announced further that, if the eight presidents could not break the deadlock, they must either appoint a regency such as formerly existed, or appoint one of their number to act as president. He insisted that the meeting yesterday did not by resolution amend the bylaws whereby, in the event of a vacancy in the presidency, the board of directors should elect an acting president.

On the other hand, Horace Fogel, president of the Philadelphia club, said this morning that the by-laws were so amended.

Such a resolution, if adopted, would give the Heydler forces control. The board of directors is composed of Hermann of Cincinnati, Dreyfus of Pittsburgh, Thayer of Boston, Murphy of Chicago and Ebbetts of Brooklyn. The first three are pledged to Heydler.

The vote for Brown is not taken seriously. Only two of the club owners know him personally. Heydler is not considered out of the race. The Hermann-Dreyfus faction still insists that they are for him if there is a chance for him to win. If not, they are for anyone except Ward. As opposed to this, the Murphy followers say they will never vote for any one but Ward.

It is considered almost certain that if an agreement is not reached after three hours tomorrow, the election will be postponed indefinitely and that either a regency of three will be appointed or that Heydler will continue acting president.

It is rumored that Stanley Robinson of St. Louis can obtain sufficient players to make an almost pennant-winning club if he will vote for either Ward or Heydler. His manager, Roger Bresnahan, has been very busy among players in the corridors.

Brush of New York and Murphy of Chicago are said to have made entangling offers of players to Robinson if he will vote for Ward.

Horace Fogel and the Philadelphia club have ceased to be a mystery. Fogel now admits that he is irrevocably attached to Murphy of Chicago and that he will vote as once Murphy.

## SELMA VS. SANGER WILL BE TODAY'S CARD

Then "Dry-towners" Disband; Fresno Hi Wants Christmas Game.

Manager "Bud" Gearhart of the Fresno High school football eleven received word from Selma yesterday that the "dry-towners" have decided to disband their team after today's scheduled game with Sanger Hi to decide the championship of the F. C. T. H. B. A. L.

This being the final struggle of the 1909 season for the temperance boys, means that the Purple and Gold team will not have an opportunity to play a return game with the Southerners.

Last Saturday, Selma Hi beat Fresno

10 to 0. In a grueling battle, Manager Gearhart and Captain Dick Crawford want revenge but the disbanding of the Selma eleven knocks this notion in the head.

However, Gearhart has not given up his plan of having a Christmas game here. The alumni cannot be barred together in time and Gearhart is thinking seriously of accepting the challenge of Los Knapp of the Fresno Alliance club. The expense attached to a game between local teams would be small, and inasmuch as the treasury of the Fresno High school student body shows a large deficit, it might not be a bad idea to stage the game on Recreation park field.

As a last resort, Gearhart has sent a challenge to Stockton Hi for a game here. If the Stockton boys accept, the Purple and Gold crew will play in the north on New Year's day. Owing to the scheduled prize fights in Coalinga on Christmas day, the proposed Stanford-Fresno game will not be staged there.

The Varsity team is badly in need of cash and wants to remain at home on December 25th. So does Fresno Hi. As a result, there will be no Varsity Fresno meeting to play off the tie between the rival schools.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 17.—The Southern Pacific station at Agnew was broken into early this morning by unknown thieves, who, after looking through several trunks and handbags, escaped with three express packages, the value of which has not been made known.

## REFEREE JACK WELSH CALLS ATTELL-WEBSTER BOUT DRAW AND SPECTATORS HISS LOUDLY

Danny Floors Monte in Opening Round and Holds Lead Till Sixth, Giving Him Well-Earned Decision; Preliminary a Draw.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Mingled cheers and hisses greeted the signal of Referee Jack Welsh for a draw tonight after twenty rounds of hard fighting between Danny Webster of Los Angeles, and Monte Attell, bantamweight champion of the Pacific coast. Many believed that Webster had earned a decision, as he was aggressive all the way and in the first round floored Attell with a clean right swing to the head. Webster opened the fight with a right that carried Attell off his feet. The Los Angeles man hit fast and hard and he delivered his punches from any position. He fairly smothered Attell with blows and toward the close of the first round shot over his right with force enough to bend the champion to the mat. Monte jumped to his feet but was partially dazed and had all he could do to protect himself until the fifth round, when he came up strong and led his own with his shifty opponent.

WEBSTER IN LEAD. Early in the fight Webster ripped the skin under Attell's eye with a wicked left shift, and the local boy was bothered by the blood for many rounds. From the fifth to the tenth, however, he kept pace with Webster, blocking well and landing a number of telling jabs.

Webster again took the lead in the tenth. The men fought desperately but the southerner was faster and softer, and baffled Attell's blocking skill by the lightning-like speed with which he rained his blows. He maintained his lead until the end, although Attell was strong on his feet and showed no sign of weakening when the gong sounded the end of the fight.

ATTELL REMAINS BEHIND. The sixth round was Webster's best showing. He was always just a little ahead of Attell, beating him to the punch every time. He hammered away steadily, although he took considerable punishment and his speed did not diminish. Ringside opinion gave Webster the credit of putting up the hardest little man's fight ever witnessed in the local ring.

The fight was in the nature of a benefit for Johnny Murphy, a former bantamweight. Murphy is now at Honolulu stricken with consumption.

A fifteen round preliminary between Tommy Gary, of Chicago and Kid Scaler of Seattle also resulted in a draw.

CHRISTMAS BOUTS AT COALINGA. Because Lupe Carranza shied at the proposed match with Vic Hanson, the clever old town welter, Matchmaker Eddie Burns of the Coalinga Athletic club has called off negotiations with the Spanish boxer for the Christmas day of Coalinga will furnish a 4-round curtain-raiser, and Blackie Mitchell of the oil town and Freddie Corbett of St. Louis will provide a special event of 15 rounds. Both of these fellows possess a knockout punch and the bout should not go the limit. From top to bottom the card is a splendid one and should pack the open-air arena.

JACK BURNS GETS FIGHT IN S. F. SAN FRANCISCO, O. Dec. 17.—Gumbo Smith, the promising heavyweight from the navy, who has won two fights in a row against Young Peter Jackson and Walter Schulten, has been matched to fight 20 rounds with Jack Burns as the main event of the card that will be promoted at Dreamland Rink by the North End club, Wednesday night, December 29th. Articles were signed yesterday afternoon. Sol Levinson acting as matchmaker, and forfeits were posted last night with John T. Clark of The Hague.

Jack Burns has never appeared in the ring in San Francisco, although he has fought in Los Angeles, Salinas and Nevada county. He has had two non-round fights with Jim Flynn, losing the decision each time, and has also met and defeated Jack (Twins) Sullivan. Burns is well thought of by those who have seen him in action, and it is hoped that this match will bring forward a heavyweight who is deserving of attention.

The men will fight for a percentage of the receipts, and in addition there is to be a \$500 side bet. No referee has been chosen, but it is possible that Levinson will officiate.

One of the preliminaries will be a 10-round bout, with Jack Clifford of Grass Valley and Charley Norvall of Los Angeles as the contestants. Norvall has come to the front recently in the southern country.

Levinson also expects to match Jack Tipplitts of St. Louis and Montana Jack Sullivan for a 10-round curtain-raiser.

Luke Marisch has taken over the management of Gumbo Smith and will have the navy heavyweight at work at Mallett's, commencing next Monday.

## CORBETT WILL TRY AITKEN BREAKS ALL RECORDS FROM 1 TO 20 MILES

The Former Heavyweight Champ. Will Be Animated Punching Bag. In Blizzard, He Sets World's Marks; Christie Goes at Fast Clip.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—James J. Corbett will be the animated punching bag on which James J. Jeffries will practice in fitting himself for his fight with Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship of the world.

This was the announcement made today by Corbett, a high arrival from Europe on the Mauretania. The one-time wearer of the championship belt said he would start a series of hard fights with Jeffries forty days before the big contest comes off. "I am going to do all I can to help Jeffries win," declared Corbett. "I think if he simply spars to get into shape it will do him little good and have arranged to get into condition myself and have some good fights with him. They will not be merely light forms of exercise but we will go at one another as if there was a big stake up and a good house looking on. I believe this is just what Jeffries needs to make him fit."

"If Jim Jeffries were the Jeffries of ten years ago I would not bother going to see the fight," continued Corbett. "But we must find out just what stamina he may have lost while he has been out of the game."

"In some of my bouts with him we may go as many as twenty rounds. I have no monetary agreement with him; I am simply helping him out because of my desire to see him in shape to whip Johnson."

## FAST LOCAL TEAMS WILL CLASH TOMORROW AFTERNOON

Local fans will have an opportunity to witness the game of all games in the midwinter series tomorrow afternoon at Recreation Park, when the Brunswick and Republican teams look up. The aggregations have been practicing faithfully for the meeting and both Captain Buck Owens and Manager Art Bennett are confident of annexing the championship of the city. The game will be called at 2:30, with Charley Klein handling the indicator.

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## CO. C NEW YEAR BALL TO BE SWELL AFFAIR

**Merchants Donate Hand-  
some Prizes for Mas-  
querade Characters.**

Company C, as usual, had a good turnout at its regular weekly drill last night. The company was drilled by Captain Stephenson and Lieutenants Keel and Phillips in good and platoon movements and advanced guard work. At the company meeting four more applications were read and referred to the membership committee, and after the transaction of business of minor importance the company was addressed by Sergeant Miller, who is in charge of the marine recruiting station in Fresno. The sergeant made a very interesting and inspiring trip around the world on an American naval vessel, describing each port of call in the most interesting manner. Preparations for the masquerade ball to be given on New Year's eve are going forward in a most encouraging manner. The following is a list of the merchants who have generously donated prizes for the affair and a list of their donations:

First National Bank, \$10.  
Farmers National Bank, \$10.  
Fresno National Bank, \$10.  
Union National Bank, \$10.  
Bank of Central California, \$10.  
People's Savings Bank, \$10.  
Arthur McAfee, overcoat, \$35.  
Lee F. Lucas, 50 shares Portola oil stock.  
H. Graff & Co., electric stand lamp.  
Sperry Flour Co., 1 barrel flour.  
The Warner Co., buckie, scarf pin and comb.  
Consumers Ice Co., 1 book 500 coupons.  
Iverson & Harvey, 1 Hawes hat.  
B. B. Goodman, 1 hat.  
Wormser Furniture Co., picture.  
Paris Art Studio, framed picture.  
Gottschalk & Co., pair gent's fancy suspenders.  
Ben Epstein, scarf pin.  
Hunt & Jackson, 2 months' pass to stock.

both moving picture shows. Depriest's, fancy box of candy. Bowens, fancy box of candy. Flores & Co., merchandise, \$25.00. Flores & Anderson, cash, \$2. Diamond Cylinders, bicycle lamp. Fresno Brewing Co., 1 case Bohemian beer. Koplan Bros., fancy vest. Spanish War Veterans, silk American flag. A. L. Gale, lady's shawl. Captain O. W. Spares, 1 box cigars. Jacob Richter, 1 box cigars. Opera Billard Parlors, 1 box cigars. Oberon Saloon, 1 box cigars. R. L. Farrell, 1 box cigars. A number of merchants have signified their intention of adding to this list later. The company is working to make this the biggest affair it has yet attempted.

## FARMERS' UNION TO SELL TO RETAILERS

**Organized Labor Interests  
in Oakland Give En-  
dorsement.**

In an effort to do away with wholesale and deal directly with retailers, representatives of the California Farmers' Union are at present in San Francisco and Oakland in an endeavor to seek the co-operation of the various labor organizations in these cities. In Oakland a representative of the Union, it is stated, looked about the city with a view to locating a place for a warehouse from which all goods will be distributed to the retailers, according to a report from that city. The campaign has begun in earnest, it is said, and an extensive campaign of advertising is about to be launched in these cities. The movement on the part of the Farmers' Union has been endorsed by the Oakland Building Trades Council and the Oakland Labor Council and all members have been urged to buy no goods but those that bear the California Farmers' Union label.

## BANQUET IS GIVEN NEXT WEEK BRIDE

Faith Circle of the First Christian Church, Fetes Miss Heilbron.

The Faith Circle of the First Christian church entertained at a banquet last evening in the church parlors in honor of Miss Hazel Heilbron, whose marriage to Fred Swartz is to be an event of the coming week. The dining room was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors of red and green. About forty guests were seated at the two long tables. The banquet was followed by a miscellaneous "show" for Miss Heilbron, consisting of china, linen and other things. After the shower, the circle held its regular business meeting, and elected the following officers: President, Cleo Lovell; vice president, Jessie Price; secretary, Flora Ebby; treasurer, Bertha Cressmer.

L. Tielman Jr., who is taking the civil engineering course at U. C., is here for the holiday vacation.

## LARGE AUDIENCE PLEASED WITH LOCAL TALENT PRODUCTIONS

**"Queen of Comedy" and  
"Happie of the Chorus"  
Make Great Hit.**

**Casts Are Well Selected and  
Not a Hitch Occurs to  
Mar Performance.**

An audience that packed the Empire theater to its very doors, greeted the two local talent productions which were given at the little showplace last night and at the conclusion of the performances, this same audience filed its way out of the doors with the consciousness that it had witnessed the best local talent productions which have been seen in Fresno for many months. "A Queen of Comedy" and "Happie of the Chorus" were the two productions last night. The first, a tragic one act play, was written by Lionel Dalton of this city, while the last, a farcical comedy in three acts, was written jointly by Lionel Dalton and Al C. Joy.

Al Joy was unable to be present at the performance last night, but his co-author, Lionel Dalton, was called out on two or three occasions and given splendid ovations. In "The Queen of Comedy," Mrs. William Forsyth as Mrs. Anne Stratford, an actress, and George Ubourne as the tragic poet, played the principal roles.

The first portion of the play shows Mrs. Helstraff displaying her ability as a contriver of comedy, while in the latter part she displays her ability as a tragedienne. To the critic, before whom she is acting and two friends, the tragic acting is all mere mockery, for they do not understand that the poet is a former lover and it is only when the poet has killed her and then taken his own life with the same knife that they come to realize the awfulness of the situation. Mrs. Forsyth and Mr. Ubourne were particularly good in their roles, gaining much merited applause. Royle Carter, as the Duke, and Bertrand Gearhart as Valentine, his kinsman, took only minor parts. Lionel Dalton, the author of the play, was the critic and he was well adapted to the part.

Just preceding the presentation of "Happie of the Chorus," eight young ladies delighted the audience with a serpentine dance, to which they were obliged to respond to two encores. Those taking part in this were the Misses Bonnie Carter, Miss Cearley, Mona Robertson, Margaret Kiddell, Eliza Wormser, Hazel Cartwright, Bernice Olney and Ruth Norris. The dance was under the personal direction of Miss Bonnie Carter. In shifting the scenery to prepare for the comedy, the curtain was left up and the audience was given an opportunity to see how the work behind the scenes is done.

"Happie of the Chorus" was the stellar attraction of the evening and all the roles were exceptionally well played. The story is of a young physician who was formerly in love with a chorus girl but who is married. The chorus girl

seeks to have revenge for his desertion of her and in doing so invades the household. In order to quiet suspicion, he and a college chum are obliged to hide her away but her presence is soon found out by his mother-in-law and he is forced to make excuses for her presence. In order to hide her, the chum first hypnotizes her. The situation at times were exceedingly ludicrous and called forth peals of laughter from the entire house.

Miss Elsie Smith, as Happie Golden, the chorus girl, made a great hit, her comic routine carrying the house with her at all times. Leslie Clark as Theodore Hopper, a college hero, was well adapted to his part and he took it off in admirable style although his advice to the physician at critical times furnished food for the presentation of many amusing scenes.

Miss Ina Dickinson as Lena, the Dutch maid, created a great deal of amusement and elicited much applause because of the excellent interpretation which she made of her difficult lines in the course of which she marked the latest slang in last English. Lamar Harris as Dr. Jack Wilson, the physician, and Miss Lillian Dunn as Mrs. Jack Wilson, were also exceedingly good in their parts. Miss Alice Brown, as Mrs. Underwood, Dr. Wilson's mother-in-law, presented the typical stage mother-in-law in excellent style, eliciting much favorable comment, and Miss Bonnie Carter played the role of Stella, her daughter, in excellent style. Bertrand Gearhart, as Tom Styles, a genius at large, also created a great deal of amusement. In fact, the entire cast was well chosen and the play was a decided success.

This evening's play was given by the Fresno Dramatic Society for the benefit of the Fresno County Humane Society and it is expected that quite a large sum will be donated to this society.

## PINE RIDGE MILLS FINISH SEASON'S CUT

Fresno Flume and Irrigation Co. Place 30,000,000 Feet of Lumber on Market.

The Fresno Flume and Irrigation Company has closed its lumber mill and logging camps at Shaver after one of the most successful seasons that the company has had. The vast amount of 30,000,000 feet of lumber was cut and saved during the season of 1909. The season was an unusually long one, lasting from the middle of last April to the first of December. Last year the mill and logging camps closed down in the middle of September. The amount of lumber cut, however, this year was about the same as last. The longer run this year was necessitated by the fact that the company ran with two fewer mills this year than last.

Throughout the season this year the company employed 22 men in the logging camps, and 125 men in the big sawmill at Shaver. There were four logging camps, and the lumber that was hewn enabled the men in the sawmill to saw out 200,000 feet per day. One of the improvements that was made this year was the extension of the Shaver Lake railroad, which is used to bring the logs in from the logging camps to the lake, where they are dumped in, and then rafted across the lake to the mill, where they are sawed and then turned down to Clovis to be placed in a dry-kiln, preparatory for the market.

## \$2500 VIOLIN IS REPORTED STOLEN

A violiner of San Francisco reported to the police last night that while he was waiting for a train at the Southern Pacific depot Thursday night somebody stole a violin, owned by him and valued at \$2500. He stated that the musical instrument was a violin and he prized it as much as his life. The violin was in a case

## POLICE CALLED OUT TO RESCUE TOM CAT

**With Drawn Guns They  
Rush in Machine to  
Scene of Trouble.**

"Have a policeman come out to 339 Poplar avenue as quick as you can." Such was the startling message which came over the telephone at the Brunswick yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. Rushing out to the street, the clerk at the Brunswick espied Edward Bradley plausibly parading his belt with apparently nothing to do but watch rigs on the corners. "The summons was quickly transmitted to Bradley and he, with unusual alacrity, scrambled about until he found Ben Drenth, Fresno's famous sleuth.

An automobile was standing in front of the Brunswick and into this machine the two officers leaped, instructing the chauffeur to drive as fast as he could to the appointed place. As the machine sped toward Tulare and J streets, the officers stiling in the back seat with drawn guns, mull believed that at last the Exeter bank robbers had been cornered.

When the automobile reached the appointed spot, the two men leaped out again and excitedly inquired into the cause of the call. They were surrounded to the rear of the house and there, with his head fastened in a hole which had been cut in the wooden foundation, was a big Tom cat, unable to budge. Disgusted beyond measure, the officers put up their guns and Bradley began to work with a crowbar, finally extricating the feline from its perilous position.

The officers returned to town and silence remained supreme among them.

## FOUNTAIN SYRINGES. Seventy-five cents to \$2.50; fresh stock. Baker & Colson Drug Co.

## PRESENT FOR A MAN Is a nice Waterman Fountain Pen. The best assortment at Smith Bros. Drug Store.

## Here For Christmas

Ebony handled Reading Glasses.  
Pearl handled Reading Glasses.  
Magnifiers.  
Telescopes.  
Thermometers.  
Eyeglass Chains.  
Field Glasses.  
Auto Goggles.



## We Give Away

ALL of our profits up to Christmas on the following goods:

1,000 Pictures, from	15c to \$20
Prices just half value	
100 Footstools, the cutest you ever saw, for	50c
Roman Stools, covered in all kinds of fine goods	\$1.25
A \$9.00 Weathered Oak Table for only	\$5.00
An \$8.50 Weathered Oak Arm Chair only	\$5.00
An \$11.00 Ladies' Desk, made of all oak	\$7.50
Child's Desk and Chair, in oak, well made	\$7.50
Weathered Oak Rocker, the \$6.50 kind for	\$4.00
Magazine Stand, made of solid oak	\$4.00
A \$16.50 French Made Brass Lamp	\$10.00
A \$22.50 French Made Brass Lamp	\$12.50
A \$30.00 French Made Brass Lamp	\$17.50
A \$17.50 Solid Oak Morris Chair	\$10.85

This is an article you do not want to miss. \$3.00 Solid Oak Pedestals, now only \$1.75. \$1.25 Solid Oak Costumes, for hats and coats 65c. A Brass Doll Bed for the Children, only 50c. A Folding Go-Cart for Dolly, only 75c. And many more goods too numerous to mention are sold for Christmas at cost. We are positively the Cheapest House and will guarantee everything. Come early as it takes time to polish furniture.

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CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS CO.  
South End "O" St. and Butler Ave.

**Packages for Express  
Made Up Free**  
We furnish you with pasteboard boxes, excellent tissue and paper. We will attend to the sending of it, and this service is FREE.

**Christmas Candy 10c lb.**  
It's fine, fresh candy, pure and wholesome. We sell it in quantities, and hundreds of pounds of it are here within the last few days.

**25c Dresden Ribbons**  
Over 100 different patterns to select from; some of them worth to 5c a yard; the kind that we have been selling so much of.

**KUTNER'S**

**TODAY'S GROCERY EXTRAS**  
Quaker Puffed Wheat, pkg. 10c  
Quaker Puffed Rice, 2 pgs. 25c  
Quaker Toasted Corn Flakes, 3 pgs. 25c  
Cumb Honey, comb 10c

**Lap Robes \$4.00**  
L. C. Chase and S. A. Lap Robes in a nice selected lot of patterns are on display in Implement and Harness Department. Mariposa street \$4 to \$15

**Millinery Today \$5.00**  
This allows you the choice of any trimmed hat in the house today—and includes everything in Fur, Plume, and Wing trimmed novelties.

# This Store Dictates The Toy Prices of Fresno

**Pioneer Express Wagon 48c**  
Wood bed, sheet iron sides and ends, steel wheels; malleable iron braces; loop handles; others up to \$3.00  
**Pioneer Express Dump Cart 48c**

**Dressed Dolls**  
12-inch Dressed Doll that goes to sleep 25c  
9-inch Boy and Girl Doll, dressed, both for 25c  
Playtime Rag Doll; clean, unbreakable; perfect 39c to \$1.25  
Aurora Kid Body Dolls; hair stuffed. \$3.15 to \$10.50  
Celebrated Kestner Jointed Dolls; socket heads and ball sockets \$1.75 to \$10  
My Playmate, one of the best dressed dolls; 15-inch; dressed in pretty lawn dress trimmed in dainty laces and insertions; beautiful brown hair, done in the newest puffs; this clever little Miss Doll sells for \$1.50

**Printing Presses**  
This press complete with one font of standard metal type, chase, ink roller, ink, gold and silver bronze, twencors, and cards, packed in a wooden box, which also contains one partition case to hold type \$3.50 to \$6.75

**Boys' Baseball Goods**  
Catcher's mitts 25c to \$1.50  
Baseren's mitts 25c to \$1.00  
Fielders' Mitts 25c to \$1.00  
Football \$1.00 to \$2.75  
These are all guaranteed makes as adopted by the California State League and Southern League.

**Toy Drums**  
DRUMS—Nickel, tin, and wood shells, with cat skin heads \$1.00 to \$3.50  
Special—Our \$25 1-2 pat. decorated tin shell 47c

**DOLL TRUNKS**  
and Toy Furniture  
Doll Trunks with tray, etc., covered with tin or printed paper, variety of sizes 25c to \$4.50

## Buying For Five Big California Stores

Direct-from-the-maker puts a trade advantage in our way that makes it necessary for every toy dealer in Fresno to follow our leadership.

**Like the Horn of Plenty**  
The Big Store continues to pour forth all that is desirable in Holiday gifts from its enormous reserves—without doubt the largest in all Fresno, so that even up to the eleventh hour you can feel sure of getting what you want at Kutner's.

**Robe Blankets**  
Oregon City Robe Blankets for robes, couch covers, drens and cozy corners; all wool \$3.50  
**Wool Filled Comfortables**  
Lamb's wool of fine quality, covered with satin; minimum weight, maximum warmth; 20 yards wide, two and a quarter long \$3.50  
**No. 1 Floss Pillows**  
12x16 40c  
10x20 50c  
12x22 60c  
14x24 70c  
16x26 80c

**Saturday Night Extras**  
\$5.00 Silver Comb and Brush Set \$3.85  
\$4.50 Silver Shaving Set \$3.15  
\$7.50 Silver Comb, Brush and Mirror Set \$4.85  
The Hair Dresser \$4.85  
35c bottle Perfume, in box 29c  
10c pkg. Sachet Pad 6c  
Christmas and New Year Postcard Cards, 8 for 25c  
25c Fancy Pillow Topper 19c  
Ladies' silk, green velvet, white, black and blue Silk Hose for 75c  
Beaver, felt and velvet shoes at half price.  
Gift Edge Shoe Polish 15c  
One to a customer.

**Silks for Christmas**  
Silk for Mufflers; black surah silk of good quality; heavy twill; 24 inches wide \$1.00  
Colored Moire Antique; all the best colors; 18 inches wide; especially good for waists \$1.25  
Black Pons de Soie; yard wide, heavy quality, for dresses and coats; \$1.75 regular, special \$1.25  
Tulle-trimmed Silks; "ruff" silks, in new effects; 27 inches wide \$1.00

**Sale of Willow Plumes**  
Fine Big Willow Plumes, each in a large Holiday box; a special lot to be sold for the maker at his prices. So you practically buy at our usual cost. Blacks only \$8.95 and all prices up to \$24.95  
**Sale of Women's Sweaters**  
Girls' and Women's Fine Rope and Plain Stitch Sweater Coats  
In white, cardinal, orange \$2.48  
Included in the lot are many at \$2.95, \$3.50 and \$3.95.  
\$15.00 Long Coats \$9.95  
Long Kersey, serge and mixture coats for women and young girls are being offered now at \$9.95  
Alterations, if any, extra.  
\$25.00 Tailored Suits \$14.95  
They're the long coat plain, tailor-made in fine hard finish Botany mills worsteds; alterations extra.

## Hand-Cars

Genuine Irish Mail Hand Cars, cog wheel, rubber tires \$5.00  
Special—Gondron's steel frame, speed geared with double shaft, and rubber tires; price \$7.00

## Pedal Wagons

**Pioneer Special \$3.68**  
This is a splendid exerciser and combination wagon; malleable iron running gear; strongly reinforced handles; thoroughly well made, easy running

## Velocipedes

Gondron makes the best velocipedes—there are cheaper makes, but not the lasting kind; steel tire and adjustable seats \$1.60 to \$2.85  
Rubber tires \$2.50 to \$12  
Tricycles, all sizes, steel and rubber tires \$4.75 up

**Toy Stoves**  
Girls like toy stoves about as well as anything—all of them have cooking utensils. Some are equipped with warming oven and pipe 38c to \$10.50

**Doll Buggies**  
Collapsible Go-Carts  
One and two motion, that is, they close with but one effort; steel frames, leatherette bodies, rubber tires \$1.00  
Wicker doll chairs and Doll Buggies, all with steel wheels 50c to \$3.50

## Boys' Baseball

Celebrated Goldsmith Baseballs 10c up to \$1.25. Special Goldsmith American Association horse hide cover 9 in. 5 oz. 10c, rubber. The regulation official league ball \$1.25



# ONE OF THE GREATEST EDITORS IN THE WORLD

## How James Keeley of the Chicago Tribune Works.

### Man Who Trained Fugitive Banker to North Africa.

James Keeley, who is managing editor of the Chicago Tribune, was the first to collect and publish national statistics on the accidents and deaths which follow. Fourth of July, 1909, the Chicago Tribune published an article devoted to Mr. Keeley and to his work. He says:

"The morning after the Illinois Theater fire, the Chicago Tribune, among newspapers, had no account of the fire on its first page. Nothing there but names. Names of the dead. Keeley had dared to consume the whole of one page (and most of the next) in printing a direct narrative of the event. He alone had gone straight through all the chattering details of that event and had still retained the true human feeling that after the first thing people would want to know, was not 'How did they die?' but 'Who died?'"

"When, late every afternoon, Keeley gets from his secretary the summary of the world's day to that moment, when, after dinner, he sits in the night editor's chair, he reads the night editor's paper—when, at two o'clock, with all the morning papers before him, he dictates notes to his staff—from one end of the night to the other, he is engaged in making decisions which, like the decisions of a king, rest on the humanity of his own interests. Keeley has a super-sense of gossip. His mind flares out at the thing that sets human tongues wagging over the back fence of the smoking-car or the hotel lobby. He is just as quick as a flash to flame out at that thing, it flickers off from it. A valuable trait. He is bored before the public does. He stops printing a thing a day before the public sees it. The corner of Dearborn and Madison streets. His most notable emergence from his cage was when he started out to St. Louis, the fugitive Chicago banker, and, since the police of the world could locate him, trailed him to northern Africa and personally relieved him. But his area of normal operations is a little office through which the world passes. He knows many places intimately which he never visits. He has many intimate acquaintances whom he could recognize only by their voices because he knows them only over the telephone wire."

"He is short, dark, strongly built, with a great deal of jaw and brow. He is a little corpulent, enjoying a large reputation for wanting to eat people alive but always being balked by his purpose by inadvertently starting them to death first. This is a considerable asset in his profession. He has arisen from his floor of physical and nervous force. He is inexhaustible. Next to his humanity, the reason for his survival in the most intense of modern occupations is locked in the fact that he has a keen sense of humor. He takes the train for his home he looks as if he were starting work."

# LINKS OF FRIENDSHIP BINDING A POLITICIAN

Not until a man has reached the dignity of being president of the United States can he possibly know all the links of his own life. There is a man, who, until then, can know the extensive nature of his friendships and relationships.

Since President Taft assumed office, many links have developed and the man has been believed could possibly exist. There's the boyhood friend, for instance. This is the stately and bearded gentleman who, probably, would now like to be made head of some bureau or other for the sake of those dear old days.

Then there is the fraternity chap. Now and then you hear him telling a group of friends how, for many years, he and "Bill" Taft went to the lodge meetings together. Then there's the man who played "hokey" with him, the man who went to school with him, the other who went to college with him, and all the rest of it.

And then the relatives that you accumulate in the office. They amount like blades of grass all over the country, and now and then they come to Washington and expect you to remember them, or, perhaps, even want to give them a job. It's hard enough to remember the original boyhood friends, fraternity fellows, and college mates, the chaps who went with you to Panama and the ones who went to Manila, but when the original relatives keep growing and you can't remember them, when it begins to seem actual count that there must have been six or seven hundred men in your class at school and you've got more relatives than any other human being under the sun—well, it's time to take all the links out to Chevy Chase and play golf on them.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

Have your pennies and your dollars will take care to spending the pounds.

Children show great wisdom in not having the decisions about their parents that their parents have about them.

A man has a natural tendency to fall in love with women older than himself. It's not after that he can't find any older than he.

What a man likes about breaking his neck chasing after a public office is how he wants to be able to say, if he gets it, that he accepted it.

One of the most things to a girl about being engaged to a fellow is how it can be like a crazy man about it, but the way they do on the stage—New York Times.

# How the Speaker Is Autocrat

Mr. Joseph G. Cannon has said: "The speaker is the servant of the House. The speaker is elected by a majority of the members, and he can be deposed and another man elected any hour of any day that he fails to fulfill the duties of the office as the majority would have been fulfilled."

Many persons, in and out of Congress, have said, in substance: "The speaker is the autocrat of the House. The consideration of legislation cannot be held except by his permission, and the whole House is subject to the restraint of his personal will. There is no House of representatives, but only a car in the speaker's chair, who has usurped the functions of the popular branch of the national legislature."

Manifestly both of these statements cannot be wholly true, and as a matter of fact, neither of them is entirely justified by the facts. The truth lies somewhere between.

**MAY BE EXPOSED—IN THEORY**

There is nothing in the constitutional or statutory law of the land, nothing in the rules or the House, nothing in the digests or precedents which authorizes in black and white the exercise of such arbitrary power by the speaker. Under the rules no man can be deposed at any hour of any day, and he is always at the mercy of the majority of the House. But this is true only in theory.

In every circle of American politics, at one time or another, there has been a man exercising complete control over a party, a state, a city, or a school district, although without any legal authority or theoretical responsibility. We call him "the boss." Everybody knows that Richard Croker was one many years ago, and the real ruler of New York city, but his name does not appear in the lists of those who have been charged under the laws with the administration of the affairs of that municipality.

The autocratic power of the speaker of the House of Representatives is largely that of a boss. He has patronage to dispense and he is, under the rules, the arbiter of many classes of disputes. Notwithstanding the denial of Mr. Cannon, it is nevertheless true that legislation against the will of the speaker is well-nigh impossible. The speaker of the House, by a system of patronage, has become the second most powerful man in the republic. The people have not objected to this fact, though they have voted against it in the polls, expressed their satisfaction with the system which gives the speaker this great power.

**IS THE MASIE—IN PRACTICE**

In practice, whatever the theory, the speaker of the House is autocrat. He is the ruler of the House. He appoints the committees which prepare legislation for submission to the House, he recognizes whom he chooses to make motions or to speak, he must be consulted in advance with respect to proposed legislation, and he is the one who exercises the power higher than that delegated in the theoretical constitution of the House. The President of the United States, in theory, has nothing whatever to do with legislation until it comes to him for approval or veto, but in practice, he is a figurehead. When it is announced from Washington that the president and the speaker have agreed upon a certain measure, nobody is surprised, least of all the members of the House of Representatives. The House can do as it pleases, but it is the speaker who is the real ruler. The speaker trades a bit of legislation to the president in consideration of the president's silence on another subject of legislation, there is no popular hand, and cry, and a considerable number of members of the House are merely laughing at their pains.

At the same time it is perfectly true that the House can depose its speaker at any time. But an attempt to do so might be a failure. The speaker is the one who is the real ruler of the House. The speaker who is the real ruler of the House. The speaker who is the real ruler of the House.

# Patrick's Brave Fight to Show Himself Innocent

## Man Convicted of Murder Shows Undaunted Spirit in the Face of Death.

### Has Convinced Many That Original Trial Was Not Conducted With Fairness

Albert T. Patrick, who for years has been striving to convince the courts of his innocence of the murder of William Marsh Rice, battling bravely on in spite of many adverse decisions, is now appealing to the supreme court in Brooklyn for his freedom on the ground that he is legally dead. He insists that he should have been acquitted in a second trial with his sentence that failed to do so deprived him of his constitutional rights.

Patrick contends that the solitary confinement preceding execution has been held by the United States supreme court to be part of the penalty decreed in a death sentence. He argued that time in full, and now makes the point that when the court of appeals affirmed the decision of the court of conviction and set a new date for execution, it transgressed his constitutional rights in ordering him to serve another period of solitary confinement, thereby duplicating a punishment he had already suffered.

Back of these legal arguments, technical though they may be, there is the undaunted spirit of a man who, although subject to the spectacle of the electric chair, has settled down to a brave fight. One of his chief objects was to convince the public of his innocence. To a great extent he succeeded in this. The public sentiment thus created brought about a commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment. Patrick never sought and flatly repudiated. He did not want to save his life. He wanted to establish his innocence. He petitioned the governor to set aside the commutation. It was illegal, he declared. "He did not want mercy."

And having failed in these direct methods, all his appeals for a new trial being refused, he has resorted to technicalities. But he declares that he should be liberated, he will at once renew his fight for a new trial, so that his innocence may be established. He says he swears his liberty mainly for the reason that it will give him increased facilities for gathering proof for his case.

This is one of the cases where a new trial would be only justice to the man. Patrick's appeal is the day in other cases, Patrick's appeal is denied. If his fight has brought him nothing but a new trial, he has convinced many that it was the fight of an innocent man.—Washington Post.

# Millions in French Junk From Panama

## Why Uncle Sam Will Have to Pay Himself \$1 Ton on Scrap Iron.

The isthmian canal commission has begun the job of transporting about 100,000 tons of old French junk from the isthmus to this city. The junk includes old locomotives, dump cars, tanks, barges, boilers, dredges, sheet iron, parts of old machinery, and other things for which the French canal company paid millions of dollars and which is left to go to ruin on the isthmus.

The commission is selling on competitive bidding all the old iron and steel along the canal route except such parts as may be reserved for canal work.

About 700 tons will be moved to the states over two weeks by the steamships Ancon and Cristobal. It will take three years to transport all of the junk. Most of it will be scrapped where it lies on the isthmus. The commission will ship no pieces of more than twenty tons in weight.

Most of this old material is of foreign manufacture, and as it is landed in New York, Uncle Sam is confronted with the prospect of being obliged to pay himself \$1 a short ton on the junk.

Under a provision in the sundry civil act of May, 1908, this duty will be returned by Uncle Sam to the canal funds, but to accomplish this without a special appropriation each year it will be necessary to have the sale consummated only after the junk has passed through the New York custom house.

The sale is being made at this time chiefly for the purpose of getting out of the old material that lies in the great basin of Gatun Lake before the basin is filled with water. There are large quantities of the junk in the lake basin.

Some of this old French junk has been found in extraordinary places. Dredges have been discovered almost completely buried in sand, hundreds of feet away from any body of water and overgrown with dense tropical vegetation. Apparently they have been carried away from the river bed by high water. Several of these buried dredges were in a fairly good state of preservation and are now doing work on the isthmus.—New York Times.

# Only Surviving Son of Abraham Lincoln

Robert T. Lincoln, now sixty-six years old, is the eldest and the only one now surviving of Abraham Lincoln's three sons. He is at present President of the Pullman Co., having spent four years as secretary of war and four years as ambassador to Ecuador. Mr. Lincoln has devoted his life to business in Chicago, in the December American Magazine James O'Sullivan contributes a sketch of Mr. Lincoln. He says:

"In Chicago, Robert T. Lincoln occupies today a position widely different from that of the other notable men of the city. He is immune to publicity. His name rarely appears in the newspapers; even Sunday journalism spares his private life. The grandchildren of Marshall Field are known by name and sight to every Chicagoan; three grandchildren of Robert Lincoln, though they are the last representatives of the direct line of the great President, are never heard of."

The reason for this is twofold. All his life Mr. Lincoln has shrank, with a rather admirable pride, from posing as the son of his father. This reserve has been respected by the Chicago press, but the observance has been strengthened by the fact that his law partner, as trustee of the estate of Joseph Medill, has been able to keep his name absolutely out of the columns of the Chicago Tribune, one of the city's most important papers.

"The son of a famous man is not usually in the days nearer the Civil War it was impossible for Mr. Lincoln to remain long in the background, although he steadfastly refused to appear publicly save on unusual occasions."

# Books as Affinities Cause Trouble

Not long ago a woman sued her husband for separation and alimony because he paid too much attention to an aeroplane he was building, and everybody agreed that it was absolutely the latest thing in the marital unhappiness line. It may be the latest thing, but it is by no means the strangest. First editions—the craze for the first copies of books written by famous authors—have caused more downright unhappiness in families than anything outside of drunkenness and affluence.

Some of the wives of first edition fiends do not sympathize with the search for high-priced volumes. They do not see why they should be denied a \$25 hat, while the head of the family hands over \$22 for a first edition of Walter Pater. What is Pater, anyhow? And what's the use of having an old book like that around when nobody, not even Mr. Bibliophile himself, reads it or ever expects to read of the first edition fiends read the books that they may fancy they will pay \$14.50 for a first copy of the Ballad of Reading Gaol, and if they find that they will want to read the book, they will buy another copy. A man who had three complete sets of Dickens recently sold his Papers, but he wouldn't dream of actually reading that precious copy.

Ask them what joy they derive from buying the books and they will tell you that they get the pleasure of knowing the pleasure of the thing. It's almost as satisfactory to put a cross alongside the name of a precious book in the seller's list as it is to own the book.

Some of the worst fiends will spend their last dollar on a first edition, and then carry it home under their coat so as to conceal the purchase from Mrs. Bibliophile. Others will glibly explain that it was a book they borrowed from a friend, and when the wife is filled with the sense of the injustice of the thing, sometimes when the husband can afford the price paid for the books without depriving the wife, it is a mere matter of jealousy on her part. The husband might as well have the book more than his wife, wherefore she feels aggrieved. The wife fiend buys her books secretly, treats them with indifference and his wife with even greater consideration than before, knowing that the deal has been made and that she will not be understood and not feel hurt.

# SLAVES IN MEXICO WORK ALL THE TIME

Writing in the December American Magazine about the atrocious treatment of the slaves in Mexico, Mr. John Kenneth Turner says:

"The Viceroy National the slaves seemed to me to work all the time. I saw them working in the morning twilight. I saw them working in the evening twilight. I saw them working far into the night. If we could see the water power of the Tehuacan to light our farms, we could work our farms all night. Manuel Lagunas told me. The rising hour on the farms is generally 4 o'clock in the morning. Sometimes it is earlier. On all but three or four farms, in the year, until they fall—at San Juan del Rio, one of the largest, they have a half holiday every Sunday. I happened to be at San Juan del Rio on a Sunday afternoon. That half day was a grating job. The slaves sleep it up to keep them from running away."

"And they fall very fast. They are beaten, and that helps. They are starved, and that helps. They are given no home, and that helps. They are in a way from one month to a year, the time of greatest mortality being between the sixth and eighth month. The Viceroy National slaveholder has discovered that it is cheaper to buy a slave for \$45 and work him for a year than to pay \$45 for a fresh slave than it is to give the first slave better food, work him less sorely and stretch out his life and his tolling hours over a longer period of time."

# Where Is Home of John G. Carlisle?

Legal associates of John G. Carlisle in the city said yesterday that the attachment proceedings instituted by the jewelry firm of Kirkpatrick & Co. to collect a claim of \$2,385, which they say is due them for jewelry purchased by the former secretary of the treasury, has been based on the mistaken notion that Mr. Carlisle has changed his residence to New York. They say that for four or five years Mr. Carlisle has lived in Washington, and that whenever he has visited New York during that period he has stayed at hotels.

Although Mr. Carlisle's name still appears on the door of the law office of Curtis, Mallet-Preest & Co., at 30 Broad street, it was said there yesterday that all the former secretary's law books and office furniture were taken to Washington several years ago. According to a dispatch from Washington, published in yesterday's Times, Mr. Carlisle's house in Washington was attached to the jewelry firm's residence from the District of Columbia to New York.

Mr. Carlisle is at present in St. Vincent's hospital here suffering from an intestinal complaint and kidney trouble. His friends said that he had for many years had an open account with Kirkpatrick & Co., and that during this time he has purchased various articles of jewelry for wedding gifts. Two of his grandchildren have been married during recent years, and the jewelry was given to them. It was said here that legal steps in Mr. Carlisle's behalf will be taken in Washington, where his daughter is living.—New York Times.

# HOW THEY MAKE SLAVES IN BARBAROUS MEXICO

## Absolute Powers of the So-Called Republic.

### Labor Agents Practice Almost Open Frauds on Ignorant Class.

John Kenneth Turner's third article on "Barbarous Mexico," which appears in the December American Magazine, is quite the most interesting and appalling that he has yet written. In this installment, he describes his visit to the Valle Nacional, "the worst slaver hole in Mexico." Of the manner in which slaves are procured for the tobacco planters in the valley, Mr. Turner states:

"There are just two ways employed to get them. They are sent over the road either by force, or by a 'labor agent' working in conjunction and in perfect understanding with a jefe politico."

"A jefe politico is a civil officer who rules political districts corresponding to our counties. He is appointed by the president or by the governor of his state and is also mayor, or presidente, ex-officio, of every town or city in his district. In turn he usually appoints the mayor of the towns under his control. He is a man of importance. He has no one to answer to except his governor—unless the national president feels like calling him to account—and altogether he is quite a little ear in his domain."

"The methods employed by the jefe politico are very simple. Instead of sending petty prisoners to terms in jail, he sends them into slavery in Valle Nacional. And as he pockets the money himself, he naturally arrests many persons as he can. This method is a masterpiece of simplicity. He has no one to answer to except his governor—unless the national president feels like calling him to account—and altogether he is quite a little ear in his domain."

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# ARISTOCRATIC DOGS LIVE IN LUXURY

LONDON, Dec. 15. — Dogs worth \$100,000, it was estimated by the secretary of the Kennel Club, were on exhibition at the Falmouth Baths yesterday for the annual show. There were 17 entries. Some of the elaborate companion cases for the use of the dogs created almost as much interest as the animals themselves. One of these contained:

Spiced spirit above for taking the chill off the dog's food.

Bottles of sterilized milk and filtered water.

Scrub spray.

Bottle of meat extract for beef tea.

Thin box containing breast of chicken and pieces of prime beef.

Leaky-bucket brush and comb.

Feeding spoon.

Colored ribbons.

The tiny dog for which all these things were intended was a small black and white dog, named "Blossie," who was a small cocker spaniel puppy. There was a small cocker spaniel puppy for a coquette. All day the dogs mistress sat by the dog feeding, spraying and talking to her pet.

There were numerous other small dogs equally well attended. One was addressed as follows by its mistress: "Now, dearie, you have had your nice, warm milk; try to go to sleep. Don't be lonely, little one. Mother is going away, but only for two little minutes."

Two Pomeranians were priced in the catalogue at \$500 each. Other dogs were set down to be worth \$2500, and there were several at \$500.

# SING HYMNS WHILE LIQUOR IS DESTROYED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16. — While members of the W. C. T. U. crowded the balconies and windows of the temperance temple opposite and applauded, deputies under the direction of District Attorney Fredrickson destroyed \$22,000 worth of liquor held in warehouse for burning in the sewer in front of the courthouse.

As an entertainment, the destruction of the liquor proved a pronounced success. Hundreds of people witnessed the pouring of the costly wines and whiskeys down the city drains. But while the temperance workers sang hymns and waved handkerchiefs in token of pleasure, many in the crowd expressed regret as the crimson sparkling liquid gurgled uselessly away.

# EATS OYSTERS AND LOVES PAINTINGS

Probably no lawyer in the United States makes more frequent appearances in the United States Supreme Court than John G. Johnson of Philadelphia. Mr. Johnson represents more millions than any other attorney in the country. His clients include the Standard Oil Company, the sugar trust, the Pennsylvania and other railroads, and other wealthy corporations. He works over law problems, ranging from a will contest, with an interesting twist, to a person of small means only a \$5 fee, to the big corporation case, for which he may get a fee of \$100,000 or more. While he never enters the criminal courts, he will refuse to civil case where the issue is interesting. He is an oyster stew and a dozen of the half-shell for luncheon, and finds all his pleasure in purchasing rare paintings, some of which he hangs on the floor opposite his desk, so that he can see them easily when he turns around.

# DISCOVER CURE FOR DISEASE OF NERVES

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. — Scientists in the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research have discovered the germ of poliomyelitis, or inflammation of the gray matter of the spinal cord. It was done with the aid of six monkeys.

It is also reported that the discovery of the germ has been followed by the even more important discovery of a curative serum. In that discovery the six monkeys also contributed largely.

Those who profess to know the details of the work done at the Rockefeller Institute say it has been demonstrated that the germ of the poliomyelitis is one of low virulence, and that it only can be used in a very small quantity. When the rain and winter come it dies from the cold.









## KING AFRAID OF LOSING THRONE

Edward of England Anxious to Prevent Conflict Between Two Houses.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Certain important details of the present crisis—one of the gravest in the constitutional history of England—are known only to a very few of those best acquainted with what goes on behind the scenes in English politics.

King Edward has been interested in the political situation for some time. Within the last few weeks it has developed into action which has had a marked influence on the course of events, although it has not averted what the king regards as a calamity. He is convinced of the truth of the doctrine laid down recently by Frederick Harrison, namely, that the rejection of the budget by the house of lords would open the door to the most dangerous possibility, among the monarchial form of government in England was included. By its challenge to the house of commons, the house of lords had invited reprisals which might extend to its actual deposition, and in his opinion the demolition of the house of lords might be only a forerunner to the pulling down of the throne itself.

In Harrison's words, the whole British constitution might be thrown into the melting pot.

**WINDING UP ROBERTS.**

Edward was deeply impressed, and he has used every means within his power to avert action which he considers fraught with such dangerous possibilities. One of the most remarkable incidents of the last fortnight was directly due to King Edward's influence. This was Lord Rosebery's action in refusing to vote for the rejection of the budget, which he had denounced in unmeasured terms. After his speech at Glasgow the noble earl has been confidently expected by the unionists to join in, if not actually to lead, the peers' onslaught on the finance bill, and probably no turnout in British politics was ever more bitterly abused than he has been for refusing to fight in a battle which he had helped to begin.

I have excellent authority for stating that this change of mind was directly due to representations which had been made to him by the king. Twice lately Lord Rosebery had visited Edward, and during both visits they had been engaged in lengthy conferences, the outcome of which was that the earl called on his fellow-peers to pass the budget because he feared an appeal to the country on an unprepared hereditary chamber.

**ROYAL ARGUMENTS REFLECTED.**

There were various passages in his speech that were of great importance to the royal arguments that had been addressed to him. One was his reference to the hereditary composition of the upper house of the British parliament. King Edward fears that an attack on the hereditary principle, as exemplified in the house of lords, may be only a step to an attack on the hereditary principle on which his descendants' succession to the throne he now occupies will be based.

Then Lord Rosebery warned the peers that they were risking the very existence of the second chamber, and pointed out that the menaces which

were heard nowadays against the upper house were very different from those which had been heard in the past and came from a school of opposition which was an elementary revolution in essence, if not in fact. This constitutes a striking instance of how effective Lord Rosebery's views passed through the royal mind and found expression on the lips of Lord Rosebery.

Here, by the way, may be interpreted the relation of an incident which has only an indirect bearing on the subject of this dispatch, but which raises another bit of the curtain that hides some of the scenes in the political arena.

**ATTACHED BY LORD CURZON.**

Lord Curzon of Kedleston appears in this act. Alarmed up and down the line for his change of front in regard to the budget, Lord Rosebery sought to defend himself by declaring that his action during the debate in the house of lords was really in line with certain convictions to which he had given expression in his Glasgow speech. People generally were content to accept this pleading with a surly expression of compassion for a man who had been driven from pillar to post.

But here Lord Curzon saw his opportunity. He former secretary of state is not persona grata at the court of St. James, in fact, he has been distinctly disliked by Edward ever since the great quarrel at Delhi, at which royalty was actually represented in the person of the Duke of Connaught, but at which Lord Curzon, in the expressive phrase, was "the whole show." As viceroy, Lord Curzon, of course, had every reason to put himself forward, but Edward has always been of the opinion that he exceeded the necessities of the situation.

Whether Lord Curzon was aware of how Lord Rosebery was connected with the king and influenced by him I cannot say, but it is surmised that he was, and that he desired to make a little unpleasantness for his majesty and his noble friend was at the back of his mind when he set down and wrote a letter to the Times declaring that he had read Lord Rosebery's Glasgow speech through and through without being able to discover a trace of any such outlook as Lord Rosebery claimed to have given expression to.

**MIGHT HAVE BEEN A DUEL.**

There has been an exchange of bitter-sweet epigrams between the two peers which would probably have led to a duel had continental fashions still prevailed in England. But that is by the way.

An indication of the king's views on the lords' action in regard to the budget is seen in the fact that his three most intimate friends in the upper house, Lords Knollys, Farquhar, and Escher, did not vote for rejection, although at least two of them belong regularly to the unionist camp.

While the king's forlorn hope that Lord Rosebery's appeal might influence the house of lords to pass the budget, and thereby stave off for another period the opening of the question in which he discerns danger for the hereditary principle of the monarchy, was fast to disappointment, his majesty is far from having lost heart. In fact, the royal mind has been made comparatively easy by Mr. Asquith.

In the campaign now opening the house of lords will, of course, bear the brunt of the liberal attack. There will be no end to the cannonade which will be directed against it, and every kind of shot and shell will be used.

**PRINCIPLE OF HEREDITARY SAFE.**

The big guns will thunder arguments against the "usurpation" of the rights of the people, and the little guns will fire off squibs about hereditary legislators who marry chorus girls and wear various eye glasses. But when the time for action comes it will be seen that no real blow will

be struck at the principle of hereditary succession to the house of lords by the liberal government, assuming, of course, that the liberal government is returned to office.

Even Mr. Lloyd George, who spared the upper house no jibe in the speech with which he opened the campaign yesterday at the National Liberal club, was at pains to state that there was no question of governing England by a single chamber. The cancellor of the exchequer also furnished implied confirmation of the indications of the liberal government's plans in regard to the lords given by the Earl of Crewe Tuesday night, when he stated that no liberal cabinet would accept office unless guaranteed by statute against the indiscriminate destruction of legislation by the upper house.

**LIBERAL PEERS MAY BE CREATED.**

Mr. Asquith, as I have said, relieved the king's mind of its fears, and the king's readiness to play whatever part may be required of him after the presumed liberal victory at the polls has already been promised to the premier. On the one hand, there will be no weakening of the hereditary principle. On the other the king's assent is already pledged to the liberal government's plans for preventing any fresh usurpation by the lords of the power vested in those elected by the people.

Into these plans at present there enters no idea of creating a huge batch of liberal peers, in order to redress the balance of parties in the upper house. Such action, on the rough and ready lines laid down by a number of unauthorized and unrepresentative orators, would be simply grotesque, and would in no sense be in conformity with the principles guiding the liberal statesmen in their desire to reform the house of lords.

But, should it be found expedient to take the step of suggesting such a course of action, the royal assent is already part of the full understanding which has been reached between the king and his present premier.

**HEAD OF REORGANIZED MORMONS IS VERY ILL.**

SPOKANE, Dec. 16.—The local congregation of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints has been requested to devote next Sunday to prayer and fasting for the recovery of Joseph Smith, the only surviving son of the Mormon prophet.

He has been the head of the reorganized or anti-polygamy branch for fifty years. Smith is reported to be dangerously ill at his home at Independence, Mo., and all churches of that denomination are requested to observe the day of fasting.

**SALTING'S ART TREASURES GIVEN TO THE NATION.**

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The art treasures of the late George Salting, the eccentric collector, are bequeathed by his will to the nation. The total value of the collection, the making of which occupied many years, is estimated at from fifteen to twenty million dollars.

Salting is known to have entertained a reluctance toward making a will and it had been feared that the works of art might be lost to the national gallery because of this.

**VETERAN OF TWO WARS DIES.**

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—Jacob Garrett, 80 years of age, who fought with General Custer in his Indian campaigns, and who was a member of the Kansas cavalry in the Civil War, died at his home here today.

**OFFERED RAILWAY PRESIDENCY.**

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—According to a dispatch from New York today, Daniel Willard, second vice president and general manager of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad has been tendered the presidency of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

## JAPANESE HAVE GAMBLING CASTLES

Seattle Grand Jury Goes on Inspection Trip Through Underworld.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—Three members of the special grand jury called to investigate alleged corruption in the municipal and county governments, included the Japanese under world of Seattle today and found a state of affairs said to rival the conditions existing in San Francisco's Chinatown in the days before the fire of 1906.

The grand jury committee, accompanied by six detectives, made the rounds of the Japanese resorts securing evidence that gambling houses had been operating in basements behind heavily barred doors and connected with the outside by tortuous passages. Other passages led to famous Japanese lodging houses which the grand jurors found to be occupied principally by men connected with traffic in women. Four underground resorts were visited by the investigators, who found that great care had been exercised to prevent discovery by the uninitiated.

A Jackson street resort presented a typical instance. Entrance was gained through an apparently respectable place of business, leading from the ground floor to the basement was a winding stairway, ending in a small anteroom. The investigators were confronted by a heavily barred door, equipped with a peephole through which a lookout could scrutinize any visitor.

Through this door they gained access to a larger room where the watchman could make further inquiry before permitting prospective patrons to pass. Once past the first outpost visitors were conducted about an underground passage and on a flight of stairs to another anteroom where a final examination was made. From this anteroom a stairway led down to the main resort, which was equipped as a gambling house, saloon and pool room. Other passages connected with the Japanese lodging house furnishing a means of access in case of a raid and a method of communication between the gambling resorts and the disorderly houses adjoining. No new indictments have been returned as the investigations have not been completed.

**MEXICAN COUNTERFEITER HAD MANY LEAD DOLLARS.**

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 17.—Pedro Rodriguez was arrested in Juarez, Mexico, this afternoon with his pockets full of lead American dollars and nickels not yet plated. American and Mexican officials believe they will unearth a counterfeiting mint on the border here.

**WANTS PERPETUAL FRANCHISE.**

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific railroad, today refused to accept a 50 year franchise for a belt line around Lake Union, insisting on a franchise in perpetuity. The city council recently passed a franchise bill perpetually and Mayor John F. Miller vetoed the ordinance, at the same time saying he would gladly sign a fifty year franchise.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 17.—Frank Kennedy, a barber of 40, B. C., was burned to death Tuesday in a fire which threatened destruction of the entire town of Salmo. Fifteen guests of the Great Northern hotel barely escaped with their lives by jumping from the windows.

## LITTLE GIRL IS BURNED TO DEATH

OAKLAND, Dec. 17.—Eva May Fuller, a 7-year-old school girl attending the Melrose girl's school, was literally incinerated before a dozen horrified spectators in the street directly in front of her home, 1151 Twenty-fourth avenue, at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The child had just returned from school and was warning herself before the fire in her own home. There was no one present in the room at the time. The little girl got too close to the stove and her clothing caught fire. She ran screaming into the street, all of her clothing ablaze. She uttered shriek after shriek, her shrill trembling voice penetrating many blocks away. Frantic efforts were made by the spectators to tear the clothing from the burning child, but to no avail.

The distracted parents were informed of the tragedy and immediately sent for a physician. Dr. Burgess responded, but the child died in acute agony at 11 o'clock last night.

## PROPOSALS TO REVIVE SHIPPING

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The campaign of the New York Chamber of Commerce to revive the American merchant marine was continued today at a meeting which received a report from a special committee appointed some time ago.

This committee reported that the greatest need was government backing of new mail lines and postal subventions.

Welding Ring, president of the Produce Exchange, suggested free registry for foreign built ships, and Lewis Nelson proposed discriminating duties which would necessitate the repeal of obstructing commercial treaties.

## BANKERS PLEAD "NOT GUILTY"

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—Plea of not guilty were entered today in the state court by W. H. Moore, president, and Henry Moore and E. E. Lytle, directors of the Bank of Oregon Trust and Savings Bank of this city, which failed in August, 1907.

Leo Froide, also a director, and W. C. Morris, cashier, were absent. Froide was excused until Monday next and Morris is expected to plead tomorrow. The bankers, all of whom are under indictment in connection with the failure of the institution, through which attorneys will demand separate trials. The district attorney has announced that he will try W. H. Moore first and that the case will be set soon.

**CANADIAN POLICE CHIEF DIES.**

WINNIPEG, Dec. 17.—Inspector Church, head of the royal northwest mounted police at Regina, Sask., died today.

Inspector Church was chosen by the Prince of Wales to be the latter's companion during the Prince's last visit to Canada.

**REVENUE STAMPS DESTROYED.**

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17.—More than \$250,000 worth of internal revenue stamps, the property of the government being mutilated or blown away today when the front arm attached to a mail car on a fast train failed to properly connect with a registered mail bag and threw it under the wheels. The accident occurred at Gileston, near here.

**FILING CABINETS AND SUPPLIES.**

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## Holiday Rates



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Tickets on sale Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1909, Jan. 1, 1910. Limit January 3, 1910.

Santa Fe

A few of the principal points between which these rates apply:

San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Stockton, Merced, Fresno, Visalia, Tulare, Hanford, Bakersfield.

For details phone or call on R. W. HOBART, Gen. Agt., 1832 Tulare street. C. A. HATFIELD, Agent, Santa Fe Station.

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That at 6 o'clock p. m., Monday, Dec. 20th, 1909, their stock will be advanced from 35 CENTS to 75 CENTS per share, and but a limited amount will be sold at 75 cents. The NEXT ADVANCE will be from 75 CENTS to \$1.50 PER SHARE.

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